

¡Bienvenidos a la clase de Español!

¡Hola! Yo soy el Sr. Colombo y voy a ser su maestro de español este año escolar. I am excited that you are a part of my classroom and that we are embarking on this journey together!

Learning and using a new language can be fun and exciting but you may be feeling a bit nervous. Don't worry! I have put together this mini-handbook below to help you succeed in Spanish class, including classroom expectations, procedures, tips for succeeding, among other things.

In our class, we will build basic skills to engage in conversations, understand what you read and listen to, and present different topics. By the end of this academic year, you will be able to have novice mid to intermediate low conversations in Spanish about topics we have covered, as well as read and write novice mid-intermediate low texts in Spanish and understand spoken Spanish. In order to successfully accomplish these goals, we are going to be doing a variety of activities in class and outside of class. You will need to come prepared everyday with your materials and complete the homework assigned.

Please read through this information thoroughly with your parents/guardian. If you have any questions about our class, please feel free to contact me. I will do my best to get back to you within 48 hours.

I am excited to get to know all of you and see how well you progress in the Spanish language!

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Part 1: Classroom Expectations

EXPECTATIONS FOR SPANISH -THE 3 P'S-



BE POLITE

what does this look like in
our classroom?



BE PRESENT

what does this look like in
our classroom?



BE PATIENT

what does this look like in
our classroom?

In order for us to learn and have successful classroom time, there are 3 expectations we need to follow - the 3 P's.

What does this look like in our classroom?

We will talk more in depth about this in class as well as list examples, but all you need to know is that in Spanish class we are polite, we are present, and we are patient.

Part 2: Routines in our Classroom

Typical Day in Spanish Class

1. **Entering the classroom quietly:** I will greet you and you will seat yourself in your assigned seat.
2. **Getting started:** Look at the board....it will usually have some instructions for your “do now” .
3. **“El Calentamiento”:** It will be a review or preview of what we are doing in class.
4. **Preguntas del Día:** There will most likely be daily questions (appr. 3-5) to answer that we will share as a class.
5. **Main Activity:** There will be various activities that focus on listening/reading/speaking/writing/cultural proficiency.
6. **Wrap up:** We will briefly discuss the main learning objective of the day. There may be an Exit Ticket **-boleto de salida-** that you will complete to help me see how the class went and what you have learned.



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1. **Homework Drop-off:** When homework is due, you will turn it in on Google Classroom (GC) if it's a digital copy. If it is an actual hardcopy, you will simply give it to me in person in class.
 2. **Asking Questions:** Raise your hand please! You all have great things to say/ask but I can only respond one to one.
 3. **Textbook/Dictionaries:** We will be using wordreference.com and our textbook is online. However, I also have the same physical textbook in our classroom as well as numerous online resources.
 4. **Getting your attention:** I will most likely ring a bell or squeeze my dog's toy!

Part 3: Feedback and Progress on Standards/skills

In this class you will be given feedback on the 5 standards/skills for learning any World language: speaking, listening, reading, writing, and demonstrating an understanding of Latinx cultures and customs (intercultural competence). These assessments will be carried out in a variety of ways and I will be using Standards Based Grading. Our goal is to keep moving along our path to proficiency.

We may all be at different places and sometimes we will move faster or slower than our peers-which is realistic and okay. :)

Acquiring a new language is different from learning other new subjects. Using a language is a skill and it must be practiced often so that it may be perfected and become automatic. Remember, these tips are for everyone to

Part 4: Things you need to succeed in class everyday

1. Respect and compassion for others
2. The desire to learn
3. A sense of humor
4. Willingness to learn from mistakes
5. The ability to take risks
6. An open mind to new cultures
7. Pride in your work and how far you've come along
8. Willingness to participate
9. The ability to cooperate with others

REMINDER: NO GOOGLE TRANSLATE or ANY TRANSLATING WEBSITES ALLOWED!! Show me what you can do on your own. :)

