

Introduction to Spanish /Senora Membreno

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Course Introduction

¡Bienvenidos! I am happy to have you in my class this year and I am excited to get started. This year we will learn Spanish through a focus on language in context and culture and a strong emphasis on speaking, listening, reading, and writing.

Materials Needed

It is required that students bring:

1. A notebook
2. One 2 pocket folder
3. At least two (2) sharpened pencils or two (2) black/blue pens
4. Chromebook charged.

Classroom Rules & Expectations

In order to be academically successful, we must respect ourselves, one another, and the classroom.

1. Listen when your teacher is talking
2. Follow directions quickly.
3. Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.
4. Raise your hand to speak and DON'T get out of your seat without permission. Our expectations are based on the 5 P's:

1. PROMPT: Be seated and silent at your assigned desk as soon as you come in and begin working on “¡Hazlo Ahora!” (Starting activity).

2. PREPARED: Bring the necessary supplies (listed above) every time we meet.

3. POLITE: Use appropriate academic language-no put downs, teasing or swear words. Leave the room as you found it. Keep hands and objects to yourself.

4. **PRODUCTIVE:** Follow all directions the first time they are given. Use all your class time to improve your Spanish language skills!

5. **POSITIVE ATTITUDE:** Have a positive attitude to create an appropriate environment in the classroom. **REMEMBER:** “A positive attitude will lead to positive outcomes”.

Classroom Policies & Procedures

In order to create the best learning environment possible where every student has the right to succeed, we must follow certain policies and procedures.

1. **ENTRY:** Students should always be in their seat until I tell you to be prepared to move to the next class. Upon entering the classroom, students must be **SILENT**. Must be seated in the assigned seat and begin working on ¡Hazlo Ahora! (Opening activity).

2. **USING THE RESTROOM:** Students are encouraged to take care of their personal needs between class periods. If it is an emergency, students will follow the procedure above: Raise your hand and when given permission you will sign your name on the bathroom log in sheet. Students must return within five (5) minutes.

**** Only ONE student at a time is permitted to use the restroom.**

3. **SPEAKING/PARTICIPATING:** Only one person should be speaking at any given time in the classroom, unless group work is taking place. If the teacher is speaking, students may share a comment or ask a question by raising his or her hand and waiting to be called on. Because we respect everyone’s opinion, we want to make sure each person is heard clearly.

5. **GROUP WORK:** Students will work in groups of 2-4 on a weekly basis. Unless otherwise notified, Senora Membreno will create the group. These groups will change frequently, and students must work within the group he or she is assigned.

6. **ABSENCE POLICY:** Be sure to check with a friend for missed homework. Please note, the **STUDENT** is responsible for seeking out the teacher for makeup work.

7. **TARDY POLICY.**

You are considered tardy to class if you are not in your seat when I come in. If you do not have a Late Pass, you need to sign the ‘Tardy binder, have a seat quietly and begin your Do Now activity immediately. Your parents will be notified after 3 tardiest and you will receive recess-school detention.

8. **FOOD AND DRINK:** All food and drinks are not permitted in the classroom, except for water.

9. **FIRE DRILLS:** Exit room quickly but quietly. The last one closes the door.

10. LOCK DOWN PROCEDURES: It is imperative that no one talks during Lock Down. Otherwise, your parents will receive a phone call along with a Disciplinary Referral.

11. EXIT POLICY: When Señora. Membreno asks students to prepare to leave:

1. Put away all personal supplies (writing utensils, paper, etc.)
2. Straighten the desk and make sure you push your chair in.
3. Check below and around your desk for scraps of paper/ garbage. Pick them up and hold them until you leave.
4. Sit silently at your desk and wait to be dismissed.

World Language Grading Policy

25 % Interpretative/ Reading and listening

25% Presentational/Speaking and writing

50 % Interpersonal/reading, writing, listening, and speaking.

Extra Credit: Extra credit is offered ONLY to students who have completed all their given work and want to improve their grade.

Consequences when rules are broken.

1. Verbal Warning
2. Seat Change
3. Phone call to parent or guardian
4. Detention
5. Administrative Referral