



Bienvenidos !

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Welcome to an exciting year of Spanish at the Middle School ! I am so happy to teach you this year !



Program of Study - español 6

We will be concentrating on the 4 skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing. We will be learning both vocabulary and grammar to help us communicate with each other.



Activities:

1. This year, we will apply your knowledge and expand on it in the classroom. We will be learning through songs, games, and other creative ways. There will also be speaking practice during the lesson. I urge you to review your notes every night for about 10 -15 minutes because our classes only meet every other day.



2. We will be doing several skits this year. Students dress up in costumes and speak in Spanish on various topics.

3. There will be listening practice in Spanish through
(A.) various videos like Muzzy, You Tube videos and Disney videos, (B) Listening to native speakers on various websites
(C) Listening to Señora Porter in class
(D. Listening to Spanish music.



4. There will be reading and writing practice through mini stories and exercises from various sources.

5. We will be singing songs in Spanish to help learn new voc.
6. We will be doing 1 project per quarter.
7. We will be playing games to review vocabulary and grammar.



Some of my favorite games are: Smartboard Olympics, Interactive games on the smart board, Pictionary, Charades, Family Feud, Jeopardy, La Corrida de Toros and many others.

Classroom preparation:

You should have a 1.5 - 2 inch 3 ring binder **WITH LOOSELEAF**. Please bring your binder to class every day. **You will not be allowed to go back to your locker if you forget it.**

*****Your binder should be divided into **5** sections: This will help you to stay organized. You should have dividers with 5 tabs:

#1 Vocabulario

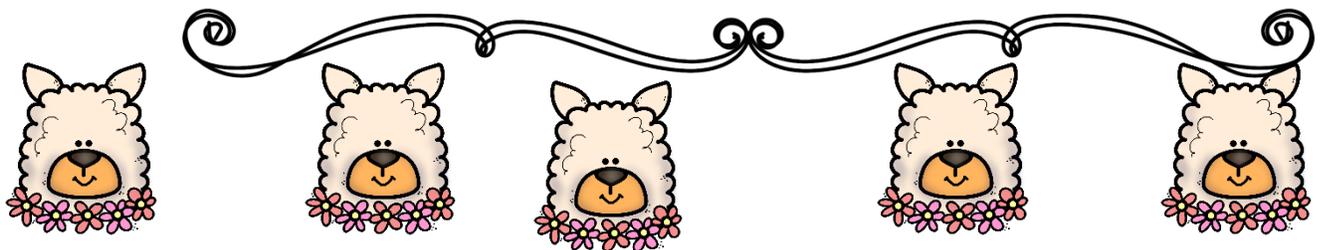
#2 Apuntes (Notes)

#3 Clase / Exámenes

#4 Tarea

#5 Canciones (Songs)

Organization is the key to success



Las Reglas de la clase The Classroom Rules:

- Come to class on time with all materials. *Lateness will not be tolerated and you will not be allowed to go back to your locker for HW or books.*
- Take your seat immediately when you enter the classroom and look at the front board for the Aim (el tema), the Do Now, (¡ Háganlo ahora!) and copy down la tarea. Take out your HW from the night before and place it on your table. Class starts when the bell rings. You must have a late pass if you are late.
- Improper class behavior is unacceptable .No calling out or trying to translate for the class or getting out of seat for any reason without teacher permission.
(including getting a tissue, throwing out trash, or sharpening a pencil)
- Please raise your hand and wait to be acknowledged before speaking or leaving your seat for any reason. Do not interrupt the teacher while she is speaking.
- Respect the rights and property of others. Please be courteous to one another and to the teacher. There will be **zero-tolerance** for behavior that is perceived as unkind. Treat others as you wish to be treated.
- *La tarea is assigned daily.* If you forget the HW, please *check the HW on the web.* In order to be a serious Spanish student you must study nightly. What you get out of the class depends on what you put into the class. Homework is due the next class after it is assigned. If you do not complete the assignment, 5 points will be deducted from your HW average for each missing assignment.

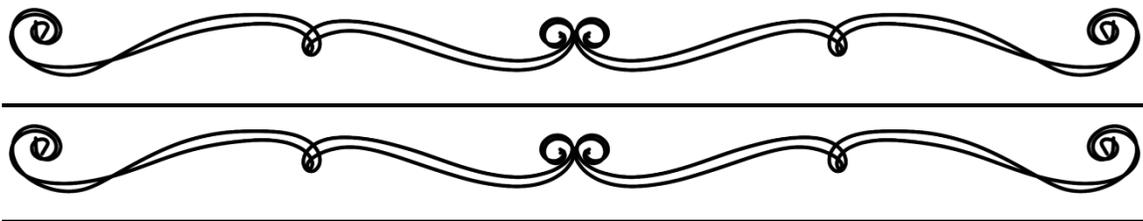


- Grades are based on quizzes, tests, projects, HW and class grade. Try to use as much Spanish as possible in class. Look at the signs posted in the front of the room in Spanish to help you.

Absences:

- You are responsible for making up all work and getting all assignments. Please check the homework on the web daily and our HW board. Check the "While You Were Out " box on the side of the room and pick up all the handouts and notes that you missed while you were absent . The dates of all quizzes and tests are posted on the web. Absence is not an excuse for not knowing there is a test or quiz. I always give the date in advance.
- Please check the web daily for HW and dates of tests, quizzes and projects.

*****Please check the parent portal weekly for an update on grades.



Department Grading Policy

Tests	35%
Quizzes	30%
Homework	15%
Class Participation	10%
Projects	10%

***Students who miss an exam due to an illegal absence will not be permitted to make up the exam. In this case, a floor grade of "55" will be given.**

According to the dept. grading policy, students who receive a failing exam grade will be given an opportunity within a one week period of time to retake an exam or provide a written explanation for answers that have been marked incorrect. This demonstration of student understanding must take place under school supervision such as during "extra help" or other time satisfactory to the teacher. If the teacher deems the submitted work to be unsatisfactory, the grade will NOT be raised to a 65%. If you fail to complete the related work, then the original failing grade will stand. Students will be limited to only 1 retake opportunity per quarter.

My e-mail address is: porterj@gcufsd.net

****EXTRA HELP TUES. 7:40 room 103**



Dear Parents / Guardians of my 6th grade Spanish students,

Please read the attached information carefully. Detach and sign this entire cover page to acknowledge that you and your child have read the rules, program of study, departmental grading policy and requirements of the class.

My E-mail address is at the end of the packet and is posted on my web page. Please feel free to contact me with your concerns. I am looking forward to a wonderful year teaching your children Spanish.

Please have your child also sign below to acknowledge that they have also read the rules, program of study, departmental grading policy and requirements of the class.

Señora J. Porter

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*** Parent Signature to acknowledge the rules, program of study, departmental grading policy and requirements of the class:**

*Parent Sign Here: _____

* Student signature _____

*Print student name _____

