

Bienvenidos a la clase de español 2012-2013

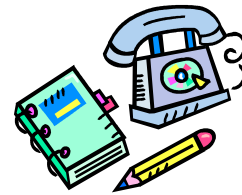


8th Grade

I hope you are as excited as I am for another year of Spanish at LMS. While the expectations for you as students and our class are similar to those of last year, now that you are in 8th grade you should be prepared for a more challenging Spanish class, with additional vocabulary and much more extensive grammar. Your goal for this year should be to improve your knowledge of the Spanish language and culture, and really begin to apply what you have learned into creating and holding basic conversations. Remember, "¡SE APRENDE CON PRÁCTICA!" "Practice makes perfect!"

What you can expect from me:

- Respect and concern for all students and their property.
- Thoughtfully planned lessons and activities. Flexibility.
- Assignments will be graded and returned in a timely fashion.
- Availability:
 - Email: akatz@lms.info
 - Website: akatzlms.weebly.com
 - Phone: 609.671.5520 ext. 6413
 - Any extra help or support when needed ****YOU** must take the initiative to get help**



CLASSROOM GUIDELINES and EXPECTATIONS:

Responsibilidad y Respeto (Responsibility and Respect)

Responsibilidad

- Enter the classroom on time.
- Sit in your assigned seat.
- Work QUIETLY on your Ahorita.
- Remain ON-TASK at all times.
- Bring all required materials with you to class every day and take them with you when you leave.
 - Your netbook (headphones)
 - 3-ring binder / folder just for Spanish class
 - Pens/pencils
 - Any assignments due
- Listen to and follow ALL directions.
- Participate frequently in class and use the Spanish language **as much as possible**.
- Recognize if/when you need extra help and take steps to get it.
- TRES ANTES (if you have a question, ask THREE other students BEFORE asking teacher).



Respeto

- Treat each person in this room the way YOU want to be treated.
- Be respectful of the teacher and her property, of other students and their property, the property of the school and of yourself.
- Do not talk while others are talking.
- Do not touch what doesn't belong to you.
- Follow all procedures and policies as outlined in your LMS handbooks.



Failure to follow the classroom guidelines will result in the following:

1. a warning and loss of 1 participation point for that day.
2. a second warning, loss of additional participation points. (parent notification as necessary)
3. parental notification, disciplinary referral and loss of 5 participation points.



****Severe Clause:** Any student who uses profanity, fights, damages school property (this includes the property of the teacher and other students), or is disrespectful (as defined by the teacher) will be sent to the office IMMEDIATELY. ** (loss of 10 participation points)

Any work not completed under these circumstances will not be accepted for a grade.

GRADING POLICY:

Grades will be entered into PowerSchool on a weekly basis. Students will earn grades in the following categories:

Homework	10%	(2 points per assignment, NO LATE HOMEWORK ACCEPTED)
Class work	15%	(proper heading: nombre, clase, fecha on ALL assignments!)
Projects	25%	(1-2 per marking period, late projects lose 10% per day)
Tests/quizzes	25%	(possible opportunity for re-tests under certain circumstances)
Participation*	25%	(100 points per marking period)



*Participation grade is based on overall efforts which include the following:

- Be prepared for class every day with all necessary materials and any homework.
- Actively participate in class (ask/answer questions and be active in group activities).
- Be on task at all times.
- Show respect for the teacher, each other, and yourselves. (Appropriate classroom conduct)
- Use Spanish as much as you can inside and outside of the classroom.



ABSENCES

If you are absent, it is your responsibility to make up any missed work.

Look on class website / calendar, call a friend, or check with Señorita



Assignments given prior to absence will be due the **first** day back in class following an absence. Other assignments will be due the **next** class following an absence.

Extra credit opportunities will be available to students who complete assignments and put forth effort on a daily basis. Each extra credit assignment will be assigned 5 points if completed WELL.

You may complete 3 extra credit assignments each marking period. Some extra credit ideas:



- 5 review sheets / activities from Señorita's extra credit binder (no more than 3 mistakes TOTAL)
- A review activity (JING tutorial, poster, etc.) on a topic recently covered in class
- A two paragraph summary and / or short presentation of a current event concerning a Spanish-speaking country
- Memorize and present a Trabalengua (tongue-twister) to the class (less than 5 mistakes in pronunciation)
- List of 25 new Spanish words NOT ON YOUR VOCAB SHEETS that you hear / see in class with the meaning
- Any idea that you come up with that Señorita finds appropriate for a 5 point extra credit assignment

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND WILL FOLLOW ALL GUIDELINES AND CLASS EXPECTATIONS.

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____