



¡Bienvenidos a Español 3!

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Spanish 3 promises to be an exciting year together! I am eager to get to know you and look forward to sharing in our class community. My goal is to help you develop your confidence and skills so that you can talk, write and create more fluidly in Spanish.

By the end of the year, you will be able to talk about these things, and you will explore cultural impacts in all of them:

- Homes and families
- Living in the city
- Love and friendship
- Music and identity
- Immigration from a kid's perspective

Required Materials

For you to be successful, you'll need the following:

- 3- ring binder with paper
- Pens/pencils
- Your electronic device, charged
- A curious mind and a willingness to take risks
- Intellectual integrity

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Respect

It is essential that we respect ourselves, our classmates and our teachers in order for everyone to learn. I will treat you with respect and I expect nothing less from you.

You are expected to

- ✓ arrive to class on time and fully prepared
- ✓ ask questions and seek extra help when needed
- ✓ speak Spanish every day in class
- ✓ work hard and take pride in your progress!

Speaking

The primary goal for this class is to build your confidence and ability to speak Spanish. This is a cumulative process, which requires dedication, repetition and practice. This requires that you consistently make an effort to contribute to the discussions--in pairs, small groups, and the whole class. Please help me create a comfortable and fun atmosphere to take risks and build confidence by respecting each other and letting me know if you are struggling for any reason so we can address the issue promptly.

Homework

Because practice and repetition are so important in cementing new vocabulary and concepts in our brains, very frequently there will be homework assignments, and I expect you to do them thoughtfully and bring your questions to class. I will sometimes collect and grade the homework assignment without prior notice. Homework is extremely important in keeping up with the work we do in class, and is posted every day on my web site.

Grades and assessments

I use a total point system, and your grade will be the points you earned divided by the total possible points. I am excited to be your teacher this year and will aim to be fair, consistent and clear with my expectations, and I expect you to tell me when you have questions or need clarification on anything.

- ✓ Written quizzes: You will have written grammar checks, vocabulary quizzes, and unit tests.
- ✓ Oral assessments: You will have speaking assessments each unit, including conversations in the lab, graded whole class conversations, presentations in small groups and in front of the class. These are essential for demonstrating what you know how to say and how well you can say it.
- ✓ Daily classroom speaking: At least twice each term you will be assessed on your effort and ability to speak only Spanish. The most important aspect of your oral grade is consistent effort to speak Spanish with everyone in class, every day. Incorrect grammar and conjugations will NOT negatively impact this grade; the point is to express your ideas!
- ✓ Projects and written work: Projects will frequently involve research about culture, and you will receive a rubric in advance outlining expectations.

Cell phones

I do not want to see your phones during class, as they are a distraction to your learning. If you have an emergency and need to communicate with someone, let me know. Otherwise, we will be using devices frequently and there should be no need to have your phone out.

Absences

The next day you return to class, check the folder for any handouts that you missed. Also check in with me before or after class (not during) if you missed a quiz, test or oral assessment to schedule a make-up.

Suggestions for Success

- ✓ Seek (and schedule) extra help with me as soon as you feel you need it! I would like all of you to succeed this year: open discussions about any difficulties you are encountering, asking questions, and expressing your concerns are all ways to ensure that this course is a valuable (and enjoyable!) learning experience.
- ✓ Put in effort (by participating in class, following directions, helping a classmate, etc.) each day in class even when something might seem difficult; **consistent effort will pay off in the end.**
- ✓ Use your agenda/calendar to keep track of homework, quiz/test dates and due dates for projects.
- ✓ Visit my website for announcements, extra practice and essential documents (sragonzo.weebly.com)
- ✓ Take risks when trying new activities or concepts in class; you might find a strength/talent that you never knew you had!

Extra help

I will count on you to be proactive and seek my help when necessary. I am available during many reading periods as well as after school, but you must make an appointment with me in advance so I know when and where to expect you, since my time is split between Blake and MHS.

Contacting Sra. Gonzalez

You may email me at hgonzalez@email.medfield.net from your school email address.

Please note that I reserve the right to make any changes to this policy in order to better serve the educational needs of this class.

Please sign this form and return it to me. Keep the above expectations for your records.

I have read, understand and accept the above expectations, and will let Sra. Gonzalez know if I have questions or concerns. I'm excited for this year in Spanish!

Student's name, printed

Student's signature

Parent/Guardian's signature

Date