



Español - Grado 8 Señora Manning

¡Bienvenidos a la clase de español! This will be an exciting year of learning and building on what you studied in seventh grade. We will be developing your basic skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing in lots of different ways. You will learn a number of new grammatical tenses and lots of vocabulary about the following:

- Food and Celebrations
- Inviting people out
- Vacations
- Shopping

In addition, we will explore authentic language resources and new apps through our use of the *Ipad* and also become more familiar with the varied places where Spanish is spoken.

Required Materials

You'll be expected to **participate daily** during small group and paired work as well as projects and skits. Your willingness to speak and take risks with the language will lead you to great success and improvement! You will also need the following materials:

- a set of headphones for your ipad that you can leave in class!
- a small 3- ring binder or pocket folder
- Section dividers (labeled with these chapter names: "Puente", 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12)
- Loose leaf paper
- Pens/pencils
- There will be NO textbook or workbook issued. Instead, you will maintain an organized notebook of your own containing all Vocabulary lists and Grammar explanations throughout the year. Your organization and maintenance of these materials will be crucial.

Grading Policy

You will be graded using a point system. Throughout each term, you will be accumulating points that will determine your grade. Quizzes and quests will be worth 20-80 points depending on the type of material being assessed. Participation in class as well as oral work (skits) will be worth 10-25 points. Projects (small and large) will be assessed accordingly as well. Homework will be worth a quiz grade each term.

Classroom Expectations

You are expected to arrive to class on time and ready to work. In addition, you need to conduct yourself in a courteous and respectful manner with everyone in our class. We will all be taking risks to express ourselves in a new language, and we'll need a safe environment for it to be fun and to maximize learning. No making fun of others when they're trying!

Homework Policy

On average, you will be assigned homework twice per week – sometimes more, sometimes less. Please understand that I only give homework when I feel that it is important, worthwhile and will truly help you. Thus, it is imperative that you complete assignments when given! Homework a day late = half credit; anything later will not be counted. If you are absent, you are responsible for picking up the work you missed in the file in class. You should do your best to have the homework due even when your absent (call a friend, look online, etc). Your homework grade will count as a quiz grade each term, so it pays to keep up!

Web Site

My web site will be a valuable resource for you to utilize throughout the year. I'll post links to games and practice activities that may help you study for tests and quizzes. Note: the games are a tool for studying—they will NOT be sufficient alone, nor take the place of memorizing vocabulary and grammar. All Vocabulary lists will be posted to the website as well in case you lose yours!

Extra Help

I am available for extra help most Tuesday and Thursday afternoons; just ask me if you'd like to stay after and come with questions. All extra help is offered in English, so don't be shy!

I'm looking forward to a great year!!

PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW AND KEEP THIS AS THE FIRST PAGE OF YOUR BINDER.

Student Name (print) _____

I have received and reviewed Señora Manning's course expectations. The content has been explained to me by my teacher. I agree to follow the above rules and policies and to complete my homework to the best of my ability!

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____