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¡Bienvenidos a la clase de español!
Welcome to Spanish Class!

Dear Family Members,

Welcome to a new and exciting school year in room 715. My name is Señora Sanderson and I will be teaching your child Spanish this year! This is my tenth year teaching and my seventh year here at WWMS. I began my journey at Briarwood Elementary where I taught third grade for three years. I am the girl's tennis coach at WWT and am a proud alumnus of the Warren Woods School District. As your child's teacher, I feel that it is important to provide you with information regarding my teaching beliefs.

My Teaching Beliefs:

I believe learning is a lifelong process.

I believe students learn best when introduced to a variety of teaching styles.

I believe that strong communication between teacher and parents will enhance learning for students.

Most importantly, I believe ALL students can learn and succeed when provided with the right instruction, guidance, and practice.

I am looking forward to a fun filled year of getting to know your child, and introducing them to the Spanish language and culture. Please take the time to read the information below and keep it in a safe place to reference during the school year. I would like you to know my rules and procedures for this upcoming year. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please let me know. My door is ALWAYS open, and you may call or email me as well.

Materials Needed Daily:

*Pencils (for daily assignments)- NO PENS FOR DAILY ACTIVITIES. Students are learning a new language and will make LOTS of mistakes. Mistakes lead to learning and a pencil will allow us to make corrections easily.

*3 ring binder- see below

*Spiral notebook (notes will be taken daily). This notebook should be kept in the 3 ring binder (I can provide one if necessary, just let me know)

*Colored Pen (for correcting) ANY COLOR

It is important that students have a separate binder for Spanish class. Students will be taking an exit exam at the end of the year to earn high school credit. We will have a lot of important materials throughout the year. It is essential that students have all of their materials together so they are fully prepared for the exam. If you are not able to purchase a binder please let me know.

EXIT EXAM

At the end of the year students will be taking a final exit exam. Passing the exit exam entitles you to one world language credit (students need two credits to satisfy the graduation requirement). YOU CANNOT RETAKE THE EXIT EXAM DURING THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR. If students struggle during the course, I am ALWAYS here to provide extra help. Please do not hesitate to contact me! ☺

Classroom Approach:

This Spanish course will include vocabulary introduction and enhancement, basic grammar skills, reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills. Students will be participating in many group activities, games, etc. Students are expected to participate in activities and classroom discussions; this will allow students to use the target language in a real life setting. Your child will be expected to take notes in a spiral notebook (which should be kept in their 3 ring binder). We have a textbook for this course, but it will not go home with your child (we only have a class set). One way for students to review at home would be to use their daily notes and handouts provided in class. This is why it is necessary for students to have a binder, keeping materials organized is essential.

Homework:

My belief on homework is this...

If a student brings home homework it is because they need to sharpen a specific skill. It will always have a purpose. I will not send home "busy" work. So, IF homework is assigned, all homework is due the next day unless I have indicated otherwise. However, I know that sometimes things come up that cannot be controlled. If your child is not able to complete their homework for some reason, please send me an email or write me a note to let me know. I will be more than happy to allow them extra time to complete it (without a penalty). If a student is absent, they will have the same amount of days, as they were absent to turn in the required work for full credit.

Helping at Home:

Learning a new language is both fun and rewarding, but it requires a lot of practice. Students should spend about 15-30 minutes practicing nightly at home. I like to use a lot of songs and videos on YouTube to help enhance instruction. I will list many of those links on our classroom website, visit it frequently to see how your child can use those at home to help them be successful. Also, here are a few sites that we will be using in class during the school year and can also be used at home.

Website: www.quizlet.com

This website is extremely helpful (and a free) resource for students. This site allows students input their vocabulary/important concepts to review and it will generate flashcards, practice assessments and games. I will be going over this resource in class and show students how to create an account.

Website: www.classzone.com

Our textbook has a wonderful web component so students can access the material at home. The website offers a web version of the textbook as well as vocabulary flashcards, grammar activities, animated movies, music, listening activities, reading practice, and games.

Once you are on the site, please select your class subject (World Languages), click on Michigan, and then click Go. Our book is titled “Avancemos 1”. I will be reviewing this website in detail with the students so they are able to independently navigate around.

Please encourage your child to use both of these sites. I HIGHLY recommend them!

Remind101:

Please see the attached information to sign up for my Remind101 text message updates. You will receive important information and reminders via text if you sign up to receive my Remind101 messages.

Weebly Class Website:

<http://mrssandersonspanish.weebly.com>

This will be my main way of communicating information to you. I will post information regarding homework, assessments, videos/music, and helpful tips you can use to help at home and other miscellaneous information. Please be sure to check this site frequently.

Rosetta Stone:

Students will be working in the computer lab every Monday on a program called Rosetta Stone. This particular program will help reinforce the concepts that are taught in the classroom. Rosetta Stone allows students to practice their speaking, reading, listening, and writing skills. Each student will be given a pair of headphones (with an attached microphone) to use for the school year for Rosetta Stone purposes only. These headphones will be stored in my classroom. **If a student damages their headphones, they will be responsible for buying a new pair.** Extra headphones will be available for purchase in the office.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. ***I hope to see you at our Open House, which will be held on Thursday, September 8th from 6:30-8:00 p.m.*** I am looking forward to meeting you sometime in the near future!

Gracias,

Señora Sanderson

Please return the half sheet attached to Mrs. Sanderson by Friday, September 9th.

I have read and understand the classroom rules and expectations.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Hour: _____

Name(s) of parent(s) or guardian(s):

Email Address: Please write your email address clearly on the line below. You may include more than email if you wish.

