**Elementary Spanish**

**(upper elementary grades, meets twice weekly)**

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**Course Descriptions:**

**Exploring Spanish Elementary (3rd -6th grade)**

In Exploring Spanish, Students will get the opportunity to explore a new language and culture

through the use of songs, flashcards, pictures, games, art projects and more! The class will

focus on basic greetings and farewells, classroom phrases, numbers, colors, alphabet, weather,

days of the week, animals, household items, foods, likes and dislikes, parts of the body,

vacation and summer words. Depending on how quickly the students master the material, we

could get through more topics or less. Cultural topics will include major holidays such as

Navidad (Christmas), Three Kings Day and Easter as well as focusing on similar and different

customs. Students will be encouraged to practice writing in Spanish but the main focus will be

on students getting comfortable speaking the words correctly and using the language they’ve

learned throughout the year. There will be homework assigned to reinforce content learned

however the majority of the assignments should take 30-60 minutes. The goal of this class is to

get students excited about learning a new language and present the material in a fun, engaging

way so that the information sticks.

**Homework / Tests:**

Check the website after each class period for homework/reading assignments as well as a class summary. In general, class time will be devoted to learning new material and practicing it through the use of written exercises, activities and games. Homework will always include practicing the phrases and vocabulary learned in class as well was occasional written activities to further reinforce comprehension and memorization. Students should plan on spending 30-45 minutes on homework on each off day (excludes weekends). Tests will be given at the end of each chapter for students to complete IN CLASS so that if they have any questions I will be able to assist. Students should bring something to work on during test days so that there would be a quiet atmosphere for all students to complete their test.

**Grading:**

All assignments will be graded based on completion and appropriate effort given. Tests/Quizzes will be graded based on accuracy. Any project assigned will have a rubric for grading. Points will also be given for speaking Spanish in the classroom. It is expected that students try and use the vocabulary that they have learned throughout the year.

**Supplies:**

Materials needed: 1 inch binder (this will become their “Spanish Book” as we add copies and notes to it throughout the year), coloring utensils, notebook paper and pencils. **There will be a class fee of $35 for copies and activities due the first week of school. Payment can be made by cash or a check made out to the teacher.**

**Speaking Points:**

Speaking perfect Spanish is not as important as simply *trying* to speak the language. Basically, once we learn something, I expect you to try and use it in class. This will help you retain the information better over the year and years to come!

Points may be earned in the following ways:

* By speaking with friends and/or teacher whenever possible (before class starts, in between activities, or at the end of an activity before time is up).
* By volunteering during class discussions, when grading homework or going over an in-class assignment.
* By participating in formal speaking activities set up by the teacher in the classroom.
* By reading with good pronunciation.

**Please sign below indicating that you have read the Syllabus and know what is expected for Elementary Spanish.**

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