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Syllabus for Spanish 1

Dear Students:

I'm very happy to have the opportunity to be here to teach you Spanish. This semester you will be able to learn our culture and traditions that will entice you to wish to learn more through different activities inside or outside the classroom. I am very excited to transport you to my culture and hope you will like to visit someday one of the places you are going to learn about and will be able to practice what you are taught in here.

The objective of the class is for students to be able to develop listening, verbal, writing skills and strategies to help to communicate with people using the target language. We will be able to accomplish this using the technology for different types of games, with role playing, with group interaction. We will also be able to converse and we will lose the fear through movies, music, and written activities such as tests and essays.

We will be using the textbook **Avancemos for Spanish 1** along with the workbook to review the material we will be learning in every chapter. Before beginning each chapter, I will give you a study vocabulary guide that you will be able to practice and review with the web site of quizlet.com. Now let's check what you will need for the class and what will be expected of you.

1. What you will need for my class:

- Textbook Avancemos Spanish 1 and workbook.
- Spanish notebook (one subject note book), which should be kept clean and neat, a binder will be okay BUT Spanish is the only subject you can keep in the binder. I will be grading the notebook or binder and it could take a few days before I'm done with it.
- Pen or pencil. (I prefer for you to use pencil)
- Spanish-English dictionary in case you don't finish your work in the class. I will be providing you with a dictionary to use in class.

2. Rules for the classroom:

- **Backpacks:** NO backpacks in my classroom. This is for your safety as well mine. Our classroom is too small for so many students so please leave your backpack in your locker or outside the classroom
- **Be punctual:** Be in your seat, quiet and ready for class to begin
- **Be prepared:** With your textbook, workbook, notebook and pencil or pen.
- **Be attentive:** No talking unless you have been specifically directed by the teacher to do so.
- **No sleeping:** Sleeping in class will not be tolerated.
- **Participate and bring a positive attitude:** I know it is intimidating to try a new language. The more you use it the easier and more confident you'll become. Repetition of the vocabulary will be the key to your success.
- **Always** address the teacher and your classmates in a manner that is **respectful** and **acceptable**.
- **Cell Phones:** Will be turned off and placed in a basket and they will be used **ONLY** to review the material learned. **Failure to follow this rule will result in confiscation of the phone for the rest of the day.**
- **Snacks:** Are NOT permitted in my classroom. Only water will be allowed.
- **Bathroom privileges:** Make sure you go to the bathroom before you come to class.
- **Tardy:** 1st one will be a warning. 2nd lunch detention. 3rd phone call to parent. 4th ISS.

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3. Grading:

- ◆ Participation 25%
- ◆ Test-Quiz 25%
- ◆ Projects 25%
- ◆ Notebooks 25%

4. Policies and Procedures for Señora Baker's class:

Students and parents please write your initials next to the following statements indicating that you have read and understand the following classroom policies:

Student / Parent:

_____/_____ late work will **NOT** be accepted past the due date. Students will receive a zero for not turning in work on time. **I will work with you if there are extenuating circumstances (illness, death in the family, etc.).**

_____/_____ if the student can't get access to the internet for an online assignment, the student must write the assignment by hand and turn in on the due date at the beginning of the class. Not having internet at home is not an excuse to neglect the work required, especially when the student has the opportunity of doing her/his work in the classroom.

_____/_____ Assignments due on what ends up being a NO SCHOOL day due to inclement weather or other circumstances will be due on the day we resume classes. If school is canceled for more than one day in a row, the work will be requested when we get back to school.

_____/_____ Students **MUST** understand that any material left in the classroom is not Señora Baker's responsibility to take care of. Anything that happens to materials left in the classroom is the responsibility of the student.

_____/_____ Students may not bring book bag/athletic bag to the classroom.

_____/_____ Students will be graded for their participation and on their notebooks every semester.

_____/_____ Students understand there will not be no test or quiz grade dropped, nor will there be any opportunity to re-take a test or quiz.

_____/_____ Students will abide by the JCHS student handbook policies.

My parent/guardian have read and understand the policies and procedures and Señora Baker's expectations for Spanish I.

_____ date _____
Student Name and signature

_____ date _____
Parent Name and signature

To be successful in class and in life

You will need

Three important things:

❖ *Desire to learn a language*

❖ *Respect for self and others*

❖ *Integrity with responsibility for all your actions*