¡Bienvenidos a español 1!

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What we will learn:

Weeks 1-2: Greetings
Weeks 3-6: Family and Characteristics
Weeks 6-8: Conditions and Feelings
Weeks 9-13: School Day
Weeks 13-16: Food

The focus and pace of these units are subject to change. All units are designed to cover topics you could come across in your daily life!

Your responsibilities:

- Take care of ourselves, each other, and our surroundings.
- Practice with Spanish! We will all make mistakes.
- Come prepared.
- Keep phones away!
- Do not disrupt others (hands to yourself!)
- Ask for help when needed.

What to bring:

1. Pencil
2. Binder/Folder
3. Chromebook (& Charger)
4. Yourself

If able, please bring a package of 3x5 notecards. We utilize these each day in class to study and learn new words.

How we will learn it:

1. Listen to songs.
2. Watch short videos.
3. Play games.
4. Listen to and read stories.
5. Speak the language.
6. Explore Spanish-speaking cultures.

...in **Spanish!**

Teacher responsibilities:

- Take care of ourselves, each other, and our surroundings.
- Come prepared to class with a plan.
- Practice with Spanish!

How will class start?

At the start of class, you will have a language, culture, or opinion question on the board. When you come in, you will write the date on your warm-up and we will spend the first minutes of class working on this question.

What if I didn't complete an assignment on time?

Late work will be accepted. However, you will lose 5% for each day the assignment is late. For example, if you turn in an assignment 3 days late, you will only be able to earn an 85%. Late work should not be an issue if you utilize your time in class!

What if I'm absent?

You will find your makeup work in the absent crate. Each folder in the crate has a date. When you return, look in the crate for the folder with the date you missed. You will find your work waiting for you with your name on it! As always, come to me with any questions.

Will we have homework?

We are going to work hard in class, but occasional homework assignments will still be required and graded if necessary. Therefore, it is important to complete it!

How will I be graded?

We become proficient in a new language through reading, writing, listening, and speaking activities. Your grade will be based on your performance during these communication tasks, giving you multiple ways to show me what you know! Academic dishonesty, such as Google Translate, cheating, etc., results in an automatic 0.

Grade Breakdown

50% Classwork	10% Projects
20% Assessments	20% Participation

¡Todos, bienvenidos a la clase de español!
Everyone, welcome to Spanish class!

My name is Sarah Smathers, and I am your student's Spanish teacher this upcoming school year!

First, allow me to share that this is my second year teaching at Sheridan High School. I'm also a proud alum, as I attended Northern Local Schools my whole life and graduated from Sheridan High School in 2020. After high school, I continued on and graduated from Ohio University (Go Bobcats!) with degrees in Spanish and Spanish Education. During my time at OU, I was lucky enough to study abroad in Spain and immerse myself in the language. Ultimately, it all led me back to Sheridan!

A goal of mine is to create a safe space for students. Learning a new language is a challenging and entirely new skill for most, and their progress depends on having an environment where they feel comfortable practicing with and making mistakes with the language.

In this environment, students will have the opportunity to explore their interests while learning about Spanish culture. Our daily class activities will involve reading, listening, writing, and speaking, which will help both their Spanish skills and their confidence. I work to make the class relevant and to cover language topics that the students can apply in their daily lives inside and outside of school!

I am extremely excited to work with your student! Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns at my email, ssmathers@nlsd.k12.oh.us.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and look at the syllabus.

Please sign this letter below and return it with your student!

Best,

Sarah Smathers

Sign here: _____

Return this syllabus by Friday, January 9th.