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¡BIENVENIDOS! YOUR EXPERIENCES IN THIS CLASS WILL BE FUN, EXCITING AND REWARDING.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
The Spanish program at this level is based on a balanced approach to the domains of **listening, speaking, reading, writing, and Hispanic culture**. Vocabulary and grammar will be studied and then applied in an integrated context.

When you walk into this class, you will be entering a world where everyone wants to learn Spanish. This will be a fun experience, and it will contribute to your ability to understand and speak more Spanish in a shorter period of time. **Do not be afraid to make mistakes — everyone will make lots of mistakes, it is FINE.** You will be surprised by how well you are able to survive in a Spanish-speaking environment.

CLASS SUCCESS CODE:

- Respect. (People, belongings and furniture)
- Be on time and prepared to work.
- Profanity will not go unpunished.
    - Repeated use of profanity in my classroom will earn you an automatic detention.
    - NO EXCEPTIONS!
- Cell phones must be off or on silent during class
    - Electronic devices may only be used at teacher's discretion
    - Cell phones will be escorted to the office along with the student
        - A referral will be sent to the office by the end of the day but based on prior offenses, appropriate consequences will be determined by the administrators.
- No eating in class (so that pests do not become an issue)
- No gum – (also to avoid pests but mainly to keep furniture free from globs)
- Follow school rules. (Strictly enforced)
    - *See Student Handbook*

GRADING POLICY:
Your grade depends on your efforts. Your final grade will be based on the following:

1. Tests/Quizzes (40%)
2. Classwork/Participation (30%)
3. Projects (20%)
4. Homework (10%)

GRADING SCALE:
90-100% A 80-89.9% B 70-79.9% C 60-69.9% D 0-59.9%F

Essential Standards are fundamental objectives of the course, and so they are very important. If you **do not** reach the minimum level (D-) in each essential standard and in an overall average, you will not be qualified for the next level of Spanish. That is, the essential standards must **each** be achieved with at least (60%) proficiency. *It will be recommended that you retake Spanish 1 if you end with a C- or lower.*

CLASS PARTICIPATION:
Participation points will be recorded for the following:

1. Speak only Spanish (during structured practice)
    a. Class work activities will often have you working with a partner or a group during which your focus must remain on practicing your Spanish and completing the assignment(s).
    b. Use class time wisely. We are here to work not socialize.
2. Actively work on class activities and volunteer responses
    a. Your responses will be recorded on my seating chart and will result in points for each unit.
3. Do not work on other assignments or personal things in class.
4. Do not disrupt the class. **You must be in class in order to participate.**

CLASSWORK:
Students are required to **take notes** and complete the class work assignments that accompany each lesson. It is recommended that you keep notes separate from classwork activities (Composition book that you can use during all you years in Spanish). Notes will prove to be very beneficial to you as they will become a study guide for our tests and quizzes. Keep your notes organized so that you can reference them as the year progresses but more importantly so that you take them on to Spanish 2 and beyond.

Classwork will consist of written, listening, and/or speaking activities. You **must** bring your book to class every day as we will complete multiple activities each day. Work not completed in class should be finished at home that night so that you don't fall behind. Classwork will be corrected as a class and completed work (with corrections) will be collected every week. If you keep up with the assignments, you classwork will provide valuable feedback as to what skills require more of your attention before the assessments.

PROJECTS:
Students will be assigned projects throughout the semester. Each project will focus on our grammar standards, the four domains of language acquisition and/or culture. Some projects will be in partners/groups with shared work/grade. Each student is expected to contribute to each project. Sharing the workload and being responsible for your fair share will be assessed by your peers.

HOMEWORK POLICY:
Complete assignments, and review and practice class work at home each night. All students will be required to create a set of flashcards for each unit. Those cards will be used in class every day and studying them will be your primary homework. In order to be successful in this class, you will need to **study vocabulary at least 30 minutes each night**.

You will receive workbook pages as homework but most of your work will be done as classwork. Late assignments will be accepted, and points can still be earned. If you have been absent, assignments will be accepted for full credit. Homework will be checked and recorded when assigned.

ONLINE RESOURCES: Students will be required to use a variety of sites set up specifically for each period. Some will require submissions to be made for a grade and others will be used for practice.

Vista Higher Learning App (Textbook) Quizlet Screencastify

TESTS & QUIZZES:

1. At least 2 quizzes and 1 Test will be given per unit.
2. Test and quiz dates will always be announced, and you will be responsible for ensuring that you have done everything possible outside of our class to be successful.
3. Students are asked **to study every night** to ensure academic success on all quizzes and tests.
4. Students are expected to take vocabulary quizzes the day they are given regardless of previous absence. Vocabulary should be studied every night (the main homework assignment for this course) and therefore it is expected that students will be prepared for the assessment.

ABSENCES & MAKE-UP POLICY:

1. Students are responsible for completing any assignments completed in class the day of their absence.
2. Any work that is not turned in due to an absence may show up as a zero. (This includes tests and quizzes).
3. Students will have the opportunity to complete the missing work and submit it for full credit. Since I work at both Hillside and Sinaloa, work may be left with the office, and I will pick it up from my mailbox. Always be polite and respectful to our office staff when leaving work for a teacher.
4. Previously scheduled quizzes/tests will be administered on the day the student returns to school.

EXTRA CREDIT:

I do not offer any extra credit assignments. This is a college prep course and in order to better prepare you for college, extra credit has been eliminated. If you complete your class work and homework assignments, your grade will reflect the quality of work that you submit. Please take pride in the work you produce for all your classes.

BRING TO CLASS EVERY DAY:

1. Spiral notebook for Spanish work or binder with paper
    a. Vocabulary flashcards (New set is made every chapter)
    b. Notes (Composition book recommended)
    c. Classwork – activities assigned daily
    d. Homework – *make and study flashcards, workbook pages, and incomplete classwork*
2. Current assignments and handouts distributed in class.
3. School supplies
    a. Paper, index cards (1100+), pencils, and pens (**please carry a correcting pen**)
4. **Textbook**

TUTORIAL HELP and TEST Review: If you begin to struggle in this class, ask me for help. My availability will vary by school site. I am happy to provide additional assistance upon request. Corrections on assessments will take place before school (Hillside) and after school (Sinaloa).

CONFERENCE WITH TEACHER:
I am available to meet with parents or students by appointment.
Please email me at eduardo.flores@simivalleyusd.org

Dear parents:

It is very important that both parents and students read and understand the expectations of the Spanish class. **These pages will be kept by Mr. Flores during the entire year**. Thank you for taking the time to read about our class. Please sign and return this sheet.

Student Contract for Academic Honesty
Spanish, Señor Flores

I will complete my own assignments. These include homework, daily class work, projects, tests and quizzes. ***(Use of Google translate, any other translator or AI to misrepresent your work will be written up as Academic Dishonesty)***

I will not use notes or other materials during tests or quizzes.

I will not provide other students with answers to any assignment.

I understand that by misrepresenting assignments as my own, or by providing another student with answers that I have violated the contract for academic honesty. **I understand** that I will receive a zero on the assignment and a referral will be placed in my student file for the first infraction. (You will be granted an opportunity to redo the assignment for partial credit.) **I understand** that for any further offenses, I will receive a zero and **will not** be granted an opportunity to resubmit for credit.

Print Student's Name Student's Signature

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Contact Information:

Parent/Guardian name: _____

Parent/Guardian e-mail: _____

Home phone # _____

Work phone # _____