**Español I**

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**Course Description:**

In Spanish I, you will be introduced to the Spanish Speaking language and culture. In this course, you will learn the elements of basic conversational Spanish. Emphasis will be on developing proficiency using the present tense in the four skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing. The course will be conducted as much as possible in Spanish so that you will become comfortable hearing and using basic forms of the language. Since interaction using the language is an important element of learning, you will often work with a classmate and be able to get to know them better by sharing information about yourself in Spanish. You will also learn about traditions, families, and schools in Spanish-speaking countries. Most importantly, you will begin your journey towards learning a second language, giving you multitude of opportunities in the future!

**Materials:**

* A 1 inch 3 ring binder
* Pens (blue or black)

*For your projects you will need:*

* Scissors
* Glue

**Grading:**

Daily grade / quizzes 30%

Test / Projects 50%

9 Week Test 20%

**Daily Grade:**

Interacting with others and participating in class activities is a crucial component to learning a foreign language. Expect to work in pairs, teams, as a whole class and alone. Activities may include readings, dialogues, writing, and listening activities.

**Quizzes:**

Quizzes are designed to assess a small section of the chapter and will cover all the material learned in that section.

**Test /Projects:**

Chapter test will be given at the end of each chapter and will cover all the material learned in that chapter.

**Projects:**

These will be based on what we are covering in a particular chapter and should be examples of high quality work. You need to be creative.

**Expectations:**

1. On-time daily attendance is very important.
2. Participation will assist you greatly and is essential for the success in this class.
3. Contribute to class in a positive way.
4. Keep up with your work and notebook, especially if you are out for a day due to illness, emergencies, etc.
5. Respect your peer-students, teacher and most importantly yourself.
6. Avoid bringing your electronic devices.
7. Make use of the restroom facilities before coming to class.
8. No food is allowed in class, but you may have water provided that is in a closed container.
9. Follow all policies in the Student Handbook.

**Helpful hints to get you through the semester:**

* PRACTICE the pronunciation of your vocabulary words or phrases.
* Do not get overwhelmed or frustrated. Take your time.
* Speak often using the vocabulary you know.
* Watch TV (Spanish) for a few minutes a day or watch your favorite movie changing the audio to Spanish.

**Make up work:**

Refer to page 5 of your Student Handbook.

I understand and agree to all the terms of the Spanish I course and syllabus.

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