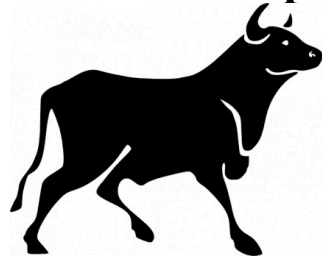


¡Hola y Bienvenido a la Clase de Español con Sr. Dennison!



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Why Learn Spanish?

- Spanish speaking employment opportunities in the United States, as well as abroad.
- Study of Spanish can improve math and literacy skills, as well as exam scores (ACT/SAT).
- Spanish is fun, practical and helps us connect in our global society.
- Growing Latino cultural influence (45 million Spanish speakers) within the United States.
- Technology is a powerful tool within the Spanish classroom. Digital recordings, authentic music, Internet videos and interactive exercises enhance Spanish instruction.
- Spanish class supports diverse and authentic learning styles.

Instructional Details:

- Written starter activity “*Para Empezar*” is posted each class on the Smartboard.
- Daily Agenda and Lesson plan is available on line through Teacher Website.
- **Grading** is designed around a 100% grade for each assignment. To comprise the final quarterly grade, there are 3 differently weighted categories that include: Homework (10%), Speaking (30%) and Assessments (60%). Assessments may include Quizzes, Tests, Projects and Videos.

Curriculum:

- Based upon Realidades textbook, as well as numerous ancillary materials.
- Each student maintains a comprehensive Spanish notebook.
- Increasing emphasis on oral communication skills and situational dialogue.
- Local Proficiency Exam taken in 8th Grade (1 unit of HS Regents credit with a score of 65% or higher). 8th Grade Local Proficiency Exam is 20% of final grade.

My Teaching Philosophy:

- Each student is blessed with natural abilities and diverse strengths to learn Spanish.
- Students should enjoy a safe, structured learning environment that supports exploration and engagement with the Spanish language.
- Learning is fun and numerous games encourage communication skills.
- Communication skills and understanding improve with repetition and opportunity.
- Students and parents are always welcome to contact me for assistance. We are partners in education and we share a common cause.