

Señora Christensen (Barksdale)- Timberline Middle School Spanish

Classroom Disclosure

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To become proficient in Spanish you will need to:

- Be optimistic
- Energetic
- Always try
- Ready to work with others
- Speak Spanish

You will Need:

- A folder or a section of a binder
- Composition Notebook
- (Optional) Zip pouch for your passport.
- Paper
- Writing Utensil

You will be graded on:

- Tests/Quizzes
- Bubbles
- Engagement in Class
- Assignments
- Journal Writes
- Speaking Prompts
- Objectives

Spanish is much like learning to play an instrument or participating in a sport...it requires practice. In class we will speak, write, read, and listen to Spanish. I will use scoring rubrics to grade the quality of oral and written work. The rubric is set up on a scale from 4 to 0. A 4 means the student went above and beyond, and a 0 meaning they did not understand, or produced English instead of Spanish. A 4 is 91-100%, a 3 is an 81-90%, a 2 is an 71-80%, a 1 is a 60-70%, and a 0 is 0%.

| 4-Mastery Exceeds Expectations | 3-Developing Meets Expectations | 2-Emerging Approaching Expectations | 1-Exploring Below Expectations | 0- Didn't Try |
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| Fully understandable with some errors | Understood by sympathetic listeners | Has errors that force interpretation | Minimally comprehensible | Nonsense/ Nothing |
| Uses MORE THAN unit vocabulary | Adequate unit vocabulary | Some unit vocabulary | Minimal unit vocabulary | Does not know unit vocabulary |
| Excellent control of unit structures, few or no mistakes | General control of unit structures, 1-2 mistakes | Limited control of unit structures, 3-4 mistakes | No control of unit structures, many mistakes | No idea of unit structures |
| Speaks with ease | Speaks with small pauses | Speaks with awkward pauses | Pauses more often than speaks | No response |
| Uses complete sentences | Uses mostly complete sentences | Uses broken sentences | Uses one or two word phrases | Uses English |

Homework serves the purpose of improving a student's proficiency and should be completed within the timeframe it was assigned. Assignments will be posted on my website along with journal writes and objectives. Language Inputs contain the modalities in which the students will receive their instruction. The outputs are what the students are expected to do with the concepts once they have been taught and practiced the concepts.

Path to Language Proficiency

| Language Inputs | Language Outputs |
|---|---|
| Listening Reading (Class Instruction, Homework) | Writing Speaking (Journal Writes, Skill Pass-offs, and Tests) |
| Activities Requiring Input and Output In-class Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing (Partner Practices) | |

Tracking Student Progress:

Each unit the student will be given a Passport which covers the majority of the concepts the unit will cover. They should use the booklet to write objectives, score journal writes, to practice with peers, pass-off skills they have practiced, and record test scores. If you as a parent are concerned about your student, please ask to see their booklet in order to see how many of their language skills they have passed off. Students may also perform partner practices with parents and members of the family.

What are the rules?

There are two rules in our classroom:

1. Respect Others (Look at the codes of conduct for an explanation)
2. Respect Yourself (Also in the codes of conduct)

What if I don't understand, or have a problem and need to talk to the teacher?:

The best way to communicate with me is before or after school. I am here by 7:30 in the mornings and am here until 3:30 afterwards. If you or your parent would like to talk to me during that time you need to let me know a day or two beforehand so that I can make sure to be in the classroom. For parents, if you have a question or concern please email me instead of leaving a message on the phone.

Special Needs:

In compliance with the disabilities act, students needing special accommodations may contact me for alternative assignments.

Ok? - Let's have fun!!