



Sra. Routledge's Spanish Class

Room 225 2009-2010

¡Bienvenidos!

I hope you each had a restful and fun summer. It is always great to be back at school to see some new faces as well as old ones.



I'm looking forward to hearing what each of you did over the summer, and learning who you are.

This summer has been exciting for me and my family. We went to Colorado as well as Tennessee. In Colorado, we went white water rafting and rode the cog rail to Pike's Peak. Then, we spent a week in Silverthorne. While David and the girls found outdoor adventure, I

attended a Fluency Fast Instructor course, and learned some Mandarin Chinese. That was cool!

What's the purpose of Spanish I and II?

The main purpose is to help you acquire the beginning and some intermediate levels of listening, speaking, reading, and writing of Spanish. My job is to present the target language to you in comprehensible formats. Your main focus is to listen and participate in class. For some, this will mean taking risks. Also, it is your job to let me know when you don't understand something.

What's new this year?

FLEX FRIDAY – One hour every Friday, everyone is allowed to study or go home if eligible.

"Learning another language is not a matter of TALENT. It is a matter of TIME and PERSISTENCE, fed by DESIRE. ANYONE can do it!" K. McGehee

Remember these dates

- Labor Day will be observed September 7th.
- September 16th is Mexico's Independence Day.

There is great meaning in life for those who are willing to journey.

Jim England

So get ready to journey with "la maestra" over the next several months.

Expectations:

In order to provide for an orderly and pleasant learning environment, "la maestra" respectfully asks for your cooperation in observing the following classroom procedures:

- 1) Listen. Please do not talk while “la maestra” is talking.
- 2) Please bring pens/pencils to class.



- 3) Keep up with hand-outs and number them accordingly. Extra copies will not be provided. These handouts will be kept in your folder.
- 4) Please get your folder and spiral from the portfolio boxes as soon as you walk into the classroom.
- 5) Please write Las tapas (Cultural trivia) in your spiral notebook at the beginning of each class period. Be sure to date and number each one.
- 6) When working in pairs or groups

please keep the noise level down.



- 7) In-class assignments are to be turned in by the end of the period to receive full credit.

Assignments should have your name and the date on the top of the page, and should be placed in the designated basket when completed.

- 8) In class corrections of written work must be complete to receive full credit.



- 9) Please ask before you touch props and toys in the classroom.
- 10) File cabinets, drawers in teacher’s desk, the area between the teacher desk, back cabinets,

and teacher computer are off limits to students.

- 11) Please be inside the classroom when the bell rings. Otherwise you will be counted as tardy.



- 12) Students will stay in the classroom throughout the class period except in case of emergency.



- 13) Please follow Durant High School’s student handbook policies.

During class, I will try to make it very clear to you what I expect you to do or not do.

Grading Policy:

Grades are based on total points accumulated during the semester. Points will come from five sources:

- 1) Vocabulary or T/F quizzes (usually worth between 10-20 points each).
- 2) In-class assignments (and sometimes outside of class) demonstrating understanding of the target language's structure. (10-50 points)
- 3) Tests combining vocabulary and structure (worth 100 points each.)
- 4) Projects (worth between 100 and 200 points each.) Possible projects may include some of these special dates:

- Sept. 16 – *Día de Independencia de Mexico*
- Nov. 1-2 *Día de los Muertos*
- Dec. - *La Virgen de Guadalupe (Dec. 9) y Las Posadas (Beginning Dec. 16)*
- Jan 6 – *Los Reyes Magos*
- Feb. 14 – *Día de San Valentín*
- March – *mercado*
- April – *Pascua*
- May – *5 de mayo*

- *Mi libro based on the novel Pobre Ana*
- 5) Participation is a must (worth 200 points each semester). Points are deducted according to infractions. This includes tardies.

Missed assignments may be made up according to the guidelines set forth in the Student Handbook. No points will be earned for incomplete work.

Materials you'll need for Room 225:



- 1) Plastic folder w/pockets & brads
- 2) One subject spiral notebook
- 3) Writing utensil: pencil/black or blue ink only.
- 4) In addition:
 - 1st 1 box Kleenex
 - 3rd 1 pkg pencils
 - 4th 1 pkg pencils
 - 5th 1pkg pencils
 - 6th 1 pkg pencils

- 7th 1 pkg loose leaf notebook paper.

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