**Spanish 7 C207 Señora Blau**

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 **I am very excited about this upcoming year and I am very glad you are taking Spanish! I look forward to a wonderful year with you all! The primary goal in this course will be to develop your speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills. We will also learn which countries speak Spanish! Close attention, frequent voluntary responses and active participation with partner/group activities will be extremely important. Staying on top of homework assignments and preparing for quizzes and tests is essential. *Your signature and that of a parent/guardian are required on the last page.***

 **Materials needed for class:**

1. **1” binder w/ 5 tab dividers**
2. **Flashcards for each Unit (approx. 8)**
3. **Sturdy baggies (with space for labeling) OR a flashcard box**
4. **Looseleaf paper for binder**
5. **Pencils**
6. **1 low odor dry erase marker**
7. **1 box of facial tissue**
8. **(*optional*) 1 sturdy folder w/ 3 holes; (as a “take home” folder)**

**Expectations:**

**• Bring your binder, a pencil and the Chapter’s flashcards to class everyday. Your binder will hold your *optional* “take home” folder and will include 5 sections for: a) Vocabulary Lists, b) Tests/Quizzes, c) Reference Sheets/Homework, d) Chapter Notes/ Writing, and e) Cultural Notes.**

**• Come to class prepared and on time; be ready to start when the bell rings. Be *respectful* and *patient* when the teacher or another classmate is speaking. Try your best! We are all there to support one another- jump in and have fun!**

**Grading Procedures: (All grades will be available on Infinite Campus.)**

 **Homework:**

 **Your Homework Grade will count a total of 20% towards the quarter, and will also factor into your effort grade. Homework will be assigned regularly and will be posted on the chalkboard, mentioned in class, and can be found on the Quia website. It is your responsibility to makeup work that you miss when you are absent, Even when formal written homework is not assigned, it is expected that you will spend 5-10 minutes reviewing vocabulary and/or notes for the current Unit.**

 **Each student will be given 2 “Free Homework” - “No hay tarea” coupons at the beginning of each quarter, for a total of 8 through the year. They may be used for worksheet or workbook homework, etc… Some assignments may be exempt, however. Coupons may also be saved, and traded in for prizes or points at the end of each quarter. Homework will be calculated with a Quarterly Homework Grade out of 100%. Homework turned in 1-3 days late will receive partial credit.**

 **Homework will be graded as follows:**

**a. ( ) Well Done b. ( ) Done but unsatisfactory, c. ( ) Missing**

 ***Full Credit* partially incomplete or late- or mostly**

 ***Partial Credit* incomplete-**

 ***No Credit***

 **Tests, Quizzes, Dialogues, and Projects:**

 **Your Test/Quiz/Project grade will count 50% towards the Quarter. Testing and other grades (quizzes, homework quizzes, projects, dialogues,) will be completed regularly. Tests and projects weigh more heavily than quizzes. All Tests will be announced in advance. We will have a Midterm in January, and a Final Exam in June.**

**Participation:**

 **Your Participation Grade will count 30% towards the Quarter, and includes volunteering answers, answering when call upon, group and partner work, being prepared for class, and cooperation. All of these will help you gain proficiency and confidence when using the language. You and I will assess your participation every quarter, with the help of a provided rubric.**

 **Extra Help:**

 **Extra help will be available every week. The days may vary; please refer to the Quia website or the board in the classroom. Do not be afraid to ask for help when you need it! Mandatory extra help may be necessary for some students if it is not sought out, and will take priority over extra curricular activities.**

**Class Internet use:**

**Please bookmark the following web address on your home computer!**

1. **I have created an account I will update weekly at this educational website: *www.quia.com/pages/hblau/spanish***

***Please check here weekly for class news, extra help, and your homework assignments.* This is a website we will use together in class and at home to help you review vocabulary and grammatical structures. There are also many games and activities available to help you learn about the many Spanish speaking countries and their cultures! You are welcome to use the school’s computers if online access at home is a concern.**

**b. We will also be using *Quizlet* to review vocabulary, and exploring the use of Google classroom throughout the year.**

**Please sign and return below by:**

**lunes, el catorce de septiembre; Monday, September 14th!**

**This rest of the guidelines packet will be kept in your binder all year.**

**I have read the attached information regarding my (child’s) Spanish 7 class. I understand I can contact my child’s teacher at any time if I have a question☺**

**Parent/Guardian Signature**

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**Student Signature**

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**¡Muchas gracias! Señora Blau**