**Spanish 1**



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**Communications:** will be made through the app **Remind101**.

**Course Description**

 ¡Bienvenidos! This is a course that will introduce you (the student) to the Spanish language and cultures of people who speak it.

This class meets during **1st block** every day from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

The focus of this course is to learn about Spanish through the "the 5 C’s":

(1) Communication: To communicate in languages other than English

(2) Culture: To gain knowledge and understanding of other cultures

(3) Connections: To connect with other disciplines and acquire information

(4) Comparisons: To gain insight into the nature of language and culture

(5) Communities: To participate in multilingual communities at home and around the world

In class, we will be engaging in a variety of activities that will include all five of the elements of learning a new language: speaking, writing, listening, reading and writing. Students are expected to practice what they learn outside of class.

**Course Objectives**

By the end of this introductory course, students are expected to:

* Express greetings, likes and dislikes, give simple descriptions, and talk about their daily routines.
* Follow standards of Spanish grammar such as punctuation, capitalization, adjective and noun agreement, subject and verb agreement, and word order.
* identify cognates (words that are similar to English words) and use reading strategies such as context clues, visuals, and prior knowledge to read short texts.
* Exchange information about themselves, their schedule, their interests, their families and friends, food, clothes, and other various topics in a conversation.
* Understand short dialogs, directions, or videos in Spanish and be able to synthesize the information.
* Write paragraphs, dialogs, and skits in Spanish on a variety of topics.
* Describe cultural activities and perspective of the Spanish culture.
* Be able to compare and contrast their culture with the Spanish culture.

**Grading system:**

The following scale will be used to grade all assignments:

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| **60-69 = D** | **70-79 = C** | **80-89 = B** | **90-100 = A** |

**MCPSS Absence Policy**

This is a full-credit course.  Only 3 parent notes (sent via email) and 4 unexcused absences are allowed throughout the semester (two quarters).  You cannot receive credit for this course if you reach the limit amount of unexcused absences allowed per term.