

¡Bienvenidos a la clase de español!

A note to the 6th grade from Señorita Monaghan

Welcome to Spanish class! I am very excited for this year because it will be filled with a lot of fun as we learn about Spanish as a foreign language. Your first years learning a language are very important in determining your level of fluency in the future. Just remember that it will take a lot of practice and patience! If you follow along and practice in class AND at home, you will certainly have a successful year!

The World Language Spanish Curriculum is an exploratory program where students are introduced to the Spanish language and Hispanic culture. This is an introductory program; this is not a first year course. Students will focus on practical and functional topics of everyday life. Each unit contains simple speaking activities that generate enthusiasm for language learning through a friendly, visual approach.

Students will have the opportunity to explore both French and Spanish languages. In April, students will be given the opportunity to select a language they wish to study for 7th and 8th grade. Once students have made a selection, they will remain studying that language for grades 7th and 8th grade.

What to Bring to Class Daily:

- 1) 1 1/2 inch three ring binder with dividers (5) and loose leaf paper
- 2) Pencils or pens
- 3) Dry-erase markers and a dry-erase eraser or sock to use as an eraser
- 4) Spanish dictionary for use both in school and at home
- 5) Agenda for writing down assignments
- 6) Any assigned homework that is due that day

Overview of Topics:

- Greetings
- Alphabet
- Classroom Objects and Commands
- Numbers
- Time
- Food
- House
- Family
- Clothing/Colors
- Weather and Seasons
- Days and Months

General Classroom Rules and Expectations:

- 1) Come to class on time, enter quietly, and keep hands to yourself.
- 2) Come to class prepared with homework, binder, writing utensils, and a whiteboard marker.
- 3) Be seated and have homework out at the beginning of class.
- 4) Complete the daily warm-up at the beginning of class. If there is no daily warm-up, study and review vocabulary and grammar while class begins.
- 5) Follow the teacher's directions/instructions the first time.
- 6) Be kind and respectful to your classmates and teachers.
- 7) No yelling or unnecessary talking or distractions.

Consequences or Corrective Measures:

- 1) Verbal Warning
- 2) Name on board
- 3) Fill out refocus sheet
- 4) 2 minutes after class
- 5) Detention with parent contact

* Severe case or repeated offense: Principal's Office

Grading Policy:

Quizzes: 60% (No tests are given.)
Projects: 15%
Class work/participation: 15%
Homework: 10%

* If a student receives below a 70% on a quiz, he/she may re-take it **after school**, and the two quiz grades will be averaged. However, the averaged, make-up grade shall not exceed 80%.

Homework Policy:

Homework will be assigned on a regular basis to help reinforce what was learned in class, to prepare students for upcoming lessons, to teach responsibility, and to help students develop positive study habits. Most assignments should not take more than 20 minutes to complete. If there is no specific homework assignment, students should review current vocabulary and concepts learned in class.

Please be sure to write down your homework in your agenda book every day in class. If you forget, please use the class website to check what the homework is. The class website is www.senoritamonaghan.weebly.com. You can also find my contact information on the class website, as well.

Missing Homework Policy:

I expect that all homework assignments will be turned in on time. Homework not turned in when due will receive a zero, and **I do not accept late homework.** If there is a legitimate reason as to why a student is not able to finish homework, please send a note to me on the day the homework is due stating the reason why it was not completed. The note must be signed by a parent or legal guardian.

Students are also responsible for making up homework assignments when absent. Assignments should be made up within three days of the absence.

What to Expect:

In class, students will work individually for focused practice then transition to paired practice activities. You will often work in teams, partners, or groups throughout the year. We will use various supplemental and ancillary materials such as: workbooks, overhead transparencies, CD ROMs with listening activities, short video clips with native speakers, and music.

Recognizing that individuals have unique learning styles, a variety of methods are used to facilitate language learning and acquisition such as: modeling of vocabulary, brief guided conversations, partner practices, group activities, individual instruction, videos, cultural readings, games, and hands-on activities.

It is important to note that quizzes and tests will consist of some if not all of the following: listening, reading, writing, speaking, and cultural comprehension.

Everyone is expected to participate in class on a daily basis!

It is my goal to make our classroom feel safe and comfortable so that you do not feel afraid to try, and most importantly so that you do not feel afraid to make mistakes. We can all learn from each other!

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at **lmonaghan@ashland.k12.ma.us**

Get excited! It is going to be a great year!
¡Emociónate! ¡Vamos a tener un buen año!

Nombre:

Fecha:

Clase:

Please review the syllabus at home for homework and fill out the the questions below. Then, review the answers with your parent and bring back this signed page tomorrow for your first homework grade.

1. Under what circumstances can you re-take a quiz in Spanish class?

2. If you leave class and forget what the homework is, where can you go to check it?

3. Does Srta. Monaghan accept late homework?

4. What does Srta. Monaghan expect you to have in class each day?

5. Name three rules you must follow in Srta. Monaghan's class:

My child, _____, has reviewed the syllabus with me for homework, and we are now both aware of Señorita Monaghan's policies and expectations for Spanish class this year.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date