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WORLD LANGUAGE TIPS:

Languages are fun! I strongly believe that in order to learn anything you have to make mistakes. If you are perfect and never make a mistake; it's not your fault, it's mine. So don't worry, I'm going to do my best to make you squirm and make mistakes from time to time. In order to find success, you have to stick with it! Learning a foreign language requires constant practice, repetition, and written and oral self-preparation (aka. studying). If you can keep the faith in yourself and learn to trust in me and my methods, together we will get you through this and help you find a great deal of success.

CLASS ATTENDANCE:

When you are in school you are expected to attend this class. Try your hardest to not be late! See the student handbook for school policies regarding tardiness.

ABSENCES AND MAKE-UP WORK:

It is **your** responsibility to request any make-up work. Tests or homework assigned before your absence will be due the day of your return. All assignments, handouts, and some class notes will be posted on my website, as well as in the classroom well in advance. Check the calendar for links to assignments and check links through the Spanish 1 daily blog for notes and handouts.

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In cases of extended illness, you will be given the number of days you were absent in which to complete work missed during your absence. Work assigned prior to your absence is due the day of your return. This will include any tests and quizzes.

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I also expect you, when absent due to appointments of any nature (dental, medical, funerals, etc.), to obtain work **prior** to the class you know you will be missing. When missing a class due to a planned school activity (e.g. student council meeting, field trip, etc.), you are responsible for contacting me for make-up work **at least one day in advance** of the activity.

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Late work will not be accepted without prior consent, so please make sure to make any necessary arrangements prior to any and all absences. Most homework assignments will be required to be turned in electronically, so please leave yourself ample time to complete and also to allow for technological issues. If you try to contact me well in advance of a missing assignment, I can be far more accommodating than if you try to reach out for assistance after the time work is due.

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MATERIALS:

Be ready to begin class at the scheduled time. This includes having all the materials you will need for the class period (e.g. text, notes, workbook, readers, supplies, etc). The first week I will be lenient on this, but beginning on Monday September 11, I will expect that you come to class prepared with the following items every day:

NOTEBOOK AND WRITING MATERIALS:

Please use a spiral notebook/composition notebook that will be used purely for taking notes. This needs to be kept safe and someplace where you can access it for daily notes, nightly studying, and weekly preparation for tests/quizzes. You will need to do your best to keep up-to-date, clean, organized notes in this notebook. I also recommend a three-ring binder or some other way of keeping our material packets organized. This packet will have all the notes and materials for the unit.

Some students find that multiple colors of pens are helpful for your note taking, my suggestion is at least black, blue, red, green, and one other color. You can have a series of highlighters or variety of colored pens/pencils. These will be used throughout your notes on a daily basis to help organize thoughts and assist in the learning process.

CLASS WORK:

Language learning requires memorization and constant practice, therefore homework is assigned nearly every day, but there is also studying that should be done absolutely every day. You are expected to do whatever is being asked of you during class. The homework will always be checked (at least electronically) and it must be completed and corrected in order to receive your homework credit. Most homework assignments will be done through the text series website (www.vhlcentral.com – there is a link on my website too), however, from time to time you will be given assignments in class that will have to be done by hand and physically turned in the next school day.

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When turning in daily homework through the Descubre website, you should leave yourself enough time to complete the assignment and turn it in ahead of time to prevent any technological glitches. Your assignments are time-stamped automatically when they are submitted to the website. In order to prevent any loss of points and/or credit, make sure to post assignments well ahead of midnight on the date the assignment is due. There will not be any credit awarded to work submitted after midnight, nor will there be any discussion regarding extenuating circumstances unless I (as previously stated) had been provided with prior knowledge of the issue. There will be an opportunity to review homework each day following an assignment, which is why they are given credit and not accepted late. Every homework assignment that is collected electronically will either receive full credit or no credit. We use the assignments to gauge your success and growth in the class each and every day, which is why they are assigned so often, as well as why there is not very much flexibility when it comes to turning in late work.

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In class each day, you will be assessed on your participation and effort in class. You will receive feedback about your participation and effort in class in hopes of trying to encourage more participation. You will receive plenty of opportunity to have an open conversation with me in regards to this grade. However, you must remember that I am looking for effort and on-task participation, so as long as you can clearly demonstrate this, you will be receiving credit each day. We will discuss this further over the next few days and with parents during Curriculum Night.

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GRADES:

All tests and other activities (quizzes, speeches, dialogs, projects etc.) to be graded are announced in advance. I will make an announcement about them and they will also be marked on the calendar within the Spanish I blog so that you are aware well in advance and can make me aware of any possible conflicts ahead of time. I will also have the weekly lessons, assignments and assessments posted on the class agenda in the front of the classroom.

- Daily Work (includes homework) – 30%
- Participation and Speaking – 20%
- Quizzes and Tests – 40%
- Final Exam – 10%

TEXTBOOKS:

Spanish 1 students can check out a textbook or use the electronic version that is provided on Day 1 of class.

PARENT CONTACT:

I believe your parents are interested in and concerned about your progress in this class. I will do my best to contact your parents at random unless there is something that needs immediate attention. If you find that you are struggling academically, **PLEASE come see ME for help**, pull me aside after class, visit me in my office or send me an email.

I have read the Spanish I class guidelines and will contact Ms. Williamson if I have any further questions or concerns.

_____ Student Name Printed

_____ Student Signature

_____ Parent Signature

_____ Date

****This is due by Friday, September 8th, 2017****