



Moultonborough Academy

2007-2008

Course Syllabus

SPANISH GRADE 7

Mrs. Whitton

Course Description

Students will learn the basic sounds of the Spanish language while practicing speaking and listening. They will also learn to read and write the language starting with simple words and phrases and moving to longer and more advanced sentences, paragraphs and stories. Specific areas of study include recognition, pronunciation, and spelling of basic vocabulary and grammar structures of the language. Mexican culture will be studied through reading the novel Pobre Ana. A power point presentation about the students lives will be one of the required projects for grade seven.

The methodology for teaching the Spanish language used in this course is Teaching Proficiency through Reading and Storytelling (TPRS), which was invented by Blaine Ray. It provides a language-rich environment that promotes foreign language learning by what sounds right. TPRS storytelling provides natural language acquisition through meaningful, personalized and often humorous situations. It does not stress grammatical instruction, but rather encourages grammatical correctness by repetition and modeling of structure in stories, speech and printed materials. Grammar is taught unsheltered and in context; simple regurgitation is not promoted. TPRS storytelling requires that students be active participants in class as they engage in conversation, answer questions and perform oral skits and presentations in Spanish. TPRS storytelling promotes long-term memory retention because it is visual, physical, acoustical and contextual.

**Opportunity to demonstrate Self-Management competency*

Assessment/Grading

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| Homework/Daily Language Practice (Participation) | 30% |
| Quizzes/Class work | 30% |
| Tests/Projects | 40% |

1. No individual extra credit will be offered. It is your responsibility to complete all assigned work.
2. Homework turned in on time will receive credit. Students with an excused absence may turn in assignments according to the student handbook policy. Students are responsible for finding out what work they missed and for turning it in to the teacher.
3. On nights that no written homework is assigned students should review notes and study vocabulary.
4. All tests and quizzes will be unannounced. Students should always be prepared.

5. Class attendance and participation is imperative. If a class is missed, the student has the option of writing a 50-75 word story in Spanish using the vocabulary we are currently working on. This must be turned in within 2 days after your absence.
6. Missed quizzes and tests must be made up according to school policy.
7. Cheating on any work will result in a zero. Using a web - based translator for homework assignments is prohibited.
8. Students are expected to look up unknown words in a dictionary. Students may use on-line dictionaries such as www.wordreference.com.

Expectations

1. Class starts when the bell rings.
2. Be courteous and respectful to your classmates, teacher and others in the room.
3. Do not bring any food, gum or drinks other than water to class.
4. If you are going to be late to your next class because of an activity you are working on for me please ask me for a pass.
5. All rules in the student handbook apply to the Spanish classroom.

*Make a strong effort to speak only Spanish in class. This will help build confidence, improve your pronunciation and further your understanding of the Spanish language.

*Have fun learning Spanish. Knowing a foreign language can open a whole new world of opportunities!

Required Materials:

Notebook or 3 – ring binder w/ paper
Writings utensils
Folder or pocket in notebook

Material provided in class:

Workbook
Textbook

Contact Information:

E-mail awhitton@moultonborough.k12.nh.us
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Available times: A-block 7:30-8:15
E Block 10:49-11:34

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