OAK VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

Welcome to Spanish!

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¡Hola!/Hello!

Spanish I is packed with lots of new experiences and fun. Learning Spanish will broaden your horizons in a new and exciting way.

Please take a few minutes to review this Course Syllabus with your child. It outlines important information regarding the importance of taking Spanish, classroom expectations, required materials, and grades.



WHY SPANISH?

There are over 400 million Spanish speakers world-wide.



33 MILLION SPEAKERS

Spanish is the second largest language in the United States.



COMMUNITY

Hispanics are the largest minority in the U.S., with the majority of them being Spanish speakers.



4. Latin American countries are our most important trading partners.



5. If you are bilingual you are more competitive in the workplace.



6. Culture

You can travel to a Spanish-speaking country and really get to know the culture.

Classroom expectations

- (1) Respect your classmates and your teacher.
- (2) Listen and follow directions.
- (3) Raise your hand before speaking or leaving your seat.
- (4) keep your hands, feet and objects to yourself.
- (5) Be responsible for your absent work, and contact your teacher A.S.A.P.
- (6) Refrain from bringing cell phones and other personal devices into the classroom. If you have a device it <u>MUST</u> be in your backpack.

Consequences

- (1) Verbal warning
- (2) Conference with student
- (3) Parental phone call or conference
- (4) Referral to administration
- *(5) Cell phones: If a student is caught with a cell phone or other personal device in hand, it will be confiscated until the end of the day.



SPANISH MATERIALS

The following materials are recommended in order to be successful in the Spanish class: 1) a writing utensil, 2) paper, 3) a 3 ring binder with 5 dividers, 4) markers, 5) tissue and hand sanitizer.

Grades

Summative Assessment: 80%. It refers to Unit Tests that are common throughout the district. Students are allowed to retake the test after they fill out a request form. The second grade stays.

Formative Assessment: 20%. It encompasses participation, homework, small projects and weekly quizzes. Formative assessments prepare the student for the summative assessment.

CLASSROOM COMMITMENT CONTRACT

I have read the Spanish Course Syllabus and I commit to the academic & behavioral expectations of this course. I will give 100% effort and be respectful to myself, others, and with the classroom supplies, in order to create a successful environment for all.

Student Name:	Grade:
Student Signature:	Date:
Parent/Guardian Name:	
Contact Info:	Date:

