¡Bienvenidos a la clase de Español 1!

Señora Melchiorre (Mael)

Syllabus 2014-2015

In Spanish 1 you will explore the foundations of the Spanish language and the culture of Spanish-speaking countries. This course will help you to develop the following language functions in Spanish:

* Speaking
* Writing
* Listening
* Reading
* Textbook: ¡En Español! 1
* A three-ring binder with sections for notes, handouts, “Hazlo Ahora” activities and homework (will be checked regularly)
* Spanish/English dictionary (provided in class, but recommended that you have your own copy for home use)
* iPad, pencil/pen, paper and your agenda



Expectations

Required

Materials

1. **Respect** – Respect all members of the classroom including your peers, the teacher and yourself. This is necessary to create a safe and fun learning environment!

2. **Participation** – Try something new! Language learning is an active process that requires you to take risks. You will never advance in your language skills if you do not practice. Allow yourself and others to learn from mistakes and you will see the rewards!

3. **Preparation** – When the bell rings you should be in your seat with all of your materials and ready to begin class. You are expected to review your notes everyday even if no homework was assigned.

4. **“No-pack promise”** – Wait to pack up until you are dismissed. I will respect that you need to get to your next class and give you enough time to prepare if you have the respect to wait until dismissed to pack up.

**Contact**

**Room # 211**

**Email:**

[hmelchiorre@oxford.k12.pa.us](mailto:hmelchiorre@oxford.k12.pa.us)

**Class Website:**

hmelchiorre.weebly.com

Homework Quizzes Class participation

Projects Exams (oral and written)

**Las notas:**

Your grade will be based on:

**Homework**

1. Homework assignments will be worth between 5 and 10 points each and will either be collected or checked in class on the due date. Arriving to class with incomplete homework is considered unprepared.

2. All homework must be submitted on the day it is due. I will not accept late homework. If you are absent on the day an assignment is due you may turn it in on the day of your return for full credit.

3. It is your responsibility to make sure I receive all assignments missed due to absence. I will not ask you for your homework if you were absent the previous day.

**Quizzes**

1. You will be quizzed 2-3 times per unit. **Quizzes may be unannounced.**

2. Each quiz will count for 10-30 points. They may be given on class material and notebook organization.

**Exams**

1. Exams will count for 30-100 points and will ALWAYS be announced in advance. You will generally have an exam for each unit (2-3 weeks).

2. Exams will usually include writing, speaking, reading and listening sections but may vary in format.

**Class participation**

1. You are expected to contribute in Spanish during all classes. You will receive a participation grade for class activities completed individually, in pairs or in small groups. This grade will not be based on correctness of answers, but rather the effort put forth in completing the activities.

2. You are expected to put your learning into practice by speaking in Spanish during all class activities.



**Classroom Procedures**

***Help Sessions*** *will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:35-3:10 p.m.*

**Academic Honesty**

* Complete your own work to the best of your ability. I do not care what your neighbor can do; I care what YOU can do in the language.
* **Cheating is strictly prohibited!**
* Do not use online resources, translators or help from native speakers that misrepresent your abilities in Spanish. This is considered cheating. At the first sign of a translator you will lose 10% from your grade, and another 10% for the second offense. After the 2nd time you will receive a zero for the assignment.
* The online dictionary [www.wordreference.com](http://www.wordreference.com) is allowed for some assignments.

**Absences**

* You are responsible to make up any work missed while absent.
* You have the same number of days that you were absent to make up any work. If you missed one day, you have one extra day to complete the assignment.
* Missed notes and assignments will be set aside for you in the bin for your class. This should be your first stop upon returning to the classroom. The materials can also be found on my website at hmelchiorre.weebly.com.
* All make-up work from absences should be turned in through the tray labeled “make-up work” for your class.
* If you have questions about the material, see me to set up a time to review the information (during homeroom, lunch or after school) We will not spend class time to do this.
* Any work not completed in the allotted timeline will earn a zero.

**Bathroom**

* You may only use the bathroom before the bell rings or in the last few minutes before class ends (if we have wrapped up early).
* Your agenda is required to use the bathroom. You will not be permitted to leave the room with another student’s agenda. Abuse of the rules will result in loss of bathroom privileges.

**Materials**

* Any lost papers should be printed from hmelchiorre.weebly.com. I will not provide you with a second copy.
* Extra materials (dictionaries, markers, crayons, colored pencils, etc.) are provided for your use. You should wait until directed to access these materials and return all materials as you found them.

**Spanish I Class Contract**

Mrs. Melchiorre, Oxford Area High School, 2014-2015

**Students:**

Follow ALL Spanish class expectations to ensure that you are successful this year.

Review each expectation below, sign this contract and return it to Señora Melchiorre tomorrow for your first homework assignment.

* I will bring the following items to class each day:

My 3-ring binder for Spanish class iPad (fully charged)

Paper Pencil/pen

Agenda Spanish/English Dictionary (optional)

* I will study EACH NIGHT at home in order to master all Spanish concepts.
* I will complete ALL assignments. However, I will not receive credit for late assignments.
* I will check both our **class website** and **absent** folder on my return to class.
* I will schedule a time to make up missed tests and quizzes within one week.
* I will do my best to participate in all class activities in SPANISH.

**Please read, sign and return this page. This will count as your first homework assignment!**

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Parents/Guardians:**

Please access hmelchiorre.weebly.com for important information about your student and Spanish class. Contact me at school with any questions, concerns or suggestions via [hmelchiorre@oxford.k12.pa.us](mailto:hmelchiorre@oxford.k12.pa.us) or by phone at (610)932-6640 ext. 2039. *Collaboration is essential to ensure successful student learning!*

Email/phone number where I can reach you:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

After reading this syllabus and contract carefully, please sign it and send it back with your student tomorrow for his/her first homework grade.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_