



SPANISH 1

Teachers: Suzette Laporte-Ayo and Claudia Collantes

1 credit

Tuition: \$220 (½ paid at registration, ½ paid first day of classes in August), payable to Suzette

Description:

Students will be introduced to the Spanish grammar in the first course combined with conversation with the instructor and classmates, video clips and music. Cultural aspects will also be discussed. Students will be **turning in their homework online every week** (so having internet is required) and will use class time to practice what they have learned and to have conversations with classmates and teacher. About **4-5 hours of homework** are given every week which require internet connection and vocabulary and/or grammar quizzes are given almost every week. To enhance their experience with the language they will be required to choose from a few projects like reading children's books, watching movies in Spanish, taking a Latin dance lesson, making a scrapbook, writing a comic strip and many more. The students will also have the option to participate in my Spanish club where they can go to practice skills they have learned with no pressure and no grades. Some of the topics covered this year are noun and adjective gender, number and agreement, present tense conjugation of regular and irregular verbs, commands, questions, negatives and others. Please call if you need a more complete list. Students have an honors option with this class. One year of this course equals 1 full credit.

Expectations:

Students are expected to have fully completed their homework before coming to class each week. They will need an internet connection to complete their work. They are also expected to know the material they turned in for homework so they can use it during class. If there is something they do not understand they are expected to contact me and get it cleared up before coming to the next class. Students are expected to take notes in class. If a student is unable to take notes due to a learning disability or other cause please **let me know ahead of time** and I will make provisions. I strongly believe the note taking process aids in the learning of the material.

Text:

There is no text for this class. All the material they need will be posted online. Students will need to print out some worksheets and handouts from the internet. I loosely follow the textbook called Realidades 1 if you need to report a book to your umbrella school. However, you will not need the book at all.

Materials:

Students will need a binder, a pocket sleeve or folder that fits in the binder where they will store handouts they have printed out or are handed in class until they punch holes in them, a notebook or loose leaf paper for taking notes, separators to keep notes separated from handouts and from homework and from tests, and something to write with. It is ideal if the notebook also fits in the binder. I would also recommend that the binder is only for Spanish. They will be keeping all their handouts and notes until they are done taking all of their Spanish courses with me so these binders will fill up soon. Students will need to bring everything to every class.