

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Spanish class! For our new families, my name is Rosa Barrientos, and this is my 17th year teaching Spanish at St. Elizabeth. I am excited to see our returning students and very happy for the opportunity to get to know our new students and their families. I am looking forward to a blissful and dynamic school year. My objective this year is to provide all of my students with an academically stimulating, yet enjoyable experience.

Work Expectations:

Pre-K and Kinder will learn with songs, repetition and recognition.

1st-8th – Each student will have a workbook to bring to class daily along with a folder with paper, pencil or pen, and planner. Students will be responsible to take notes and be organized in order to study for tests and quizzes. I highly encourage students to study daily for 15 minutes every night the material that was covered in class and for their quizzes and tests. Grades will be weighted: 60% for Participation and Daily Assignments and 40% for test and projects.

Tests and Projects: Students will do one project which will be done in class and will be announced with plenty of notice. **Any tests, projects, or papers will count twice.** Students may make corrections on tests for half credit back for each correct answer. These will be done in after school tutoring with red ink. **They will also have the option to re-take any tests with an unsatisfactory grade as long as it is taken care off in the same week that the test was handed back by the teacher.** Tutoring will be M, T, Th from **3:00-3:30**.

Behavior: Every student will begin the nine weeks with a G in conduct. It is up to them if they go above and beyond to receive an E. This means I have seen excellent participation, attitude, teamwork and cooperation in their learning. If other behaviors inhibit learning or positive attitudes in my class then the student will receive an S, N or U instead of the G. Parents will be notified of behaviors which affect conduct grades.

Late Work: Students are responsible to complete assignments when they are absent. They will have a week to turn in assignments or make up a test or quiz. After the week –minus 10 points for one day late, -20 points for 2 days late.

In terms of communication, e-mail is the best way to communicate with me; however, my focus during the school day is on the students. I will scan my e-mail during my planning period and will respond as soon as I can. RBarrientos@saintspride.com.

I am looking forward to a fascinating year! Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Barrientos,
Spanish PreK-3-8th