

Nombre: _____ Fecha: _____

Early Morning Spanish (Grade 8) Señora Peace

¡Bienvenidos! Welcome! This course is a continuation to the formal Spanish language. This class is designed to help build your confidence and fluency through oral conversations, book exercises, videos, skits, music, projects, and games. You will discover new vocabulary to describe your family, house, physical appearance, clothing, and community. Also, you will learn new grammar concepts and begin conjugating irregular verbs. You will enjoy this class much more if you actively participate and take an interest in the language, people, and culture.

Textbook:

Your textbook is designed to help you attain a desirable level of proficiency in four basic skills - speaking, listening, reading, and writing. You will be using the following textbook:

Pearson Education. (2004). *Realidades B*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Prentice Hall.

Classroom Expectations:

- Come to class with a **POSITIVE** attitude, **PREPARED** to learn.
- Keep your hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
- Raise your hand and wait to be called upon before speaking.
- Keep your voice to an inside working level.
- Stay on task without disturbing or distracting others.
- Always put forth your best effort.
- Keep your desk and classroom clean.
- Be **POLITE, PLEASANT, and RESPECTFUL** at all times.

Warm-up Procedures:

You will have a short warm-up to complete at the start of each class period. This should be done independently in order to review content material and check for understanding. Please quietly walk in the classroom, sit down, and get to work. We will correct the warm-up as a class. You are expected to try your best and fix your answers if you got something wrong.

Homework:

Homework will be graded in one of two ways. Some homework will be graded for completion and some will be graded for accuracy. You may not know in advance which way the homework is graded, so you need to put forth your best effort on all work.

- When homework is graded only for completion, you will receive a score of 100% if the **ENTIRE** assignment is complete on the due date. If **ANY PART** of the assignment is incomplete, you will receive a 10% reduction on the assignment if it is

turned in the next class period. After three class periods, the assignment will no longer be accepted.

- Other assignments will be collected and graded for accuracy. This means that answers will be checked and a score will be given based upon the number of correct answers.

Missing Assignments:

If an assignment is missing, you will need to fill out a Missing Assignment form. The form notifies your parent of the assignment and requires a parent signature. You are responsible for turning the assignment in the following class period along with the Missing Assignment notice.

Projects:

You will have some small projects throughout the year to supplement your learning. If you use your time wisely, you should be able to finish the projects in class.

Assessments:

Quizzes and tests will be given to check your understanding of the content. I will always provide a review sheet and a study guide for additional practice before any quiz or test. You are expected to put forth your best effort, ask questions when you don't understand something, and study before an assessment.

Absences:

You are accountable for all missing assignments due to an absence. Make sure you ask for any worksheets or handouts you missed while you were absent. It will be your responsibility to complete all work and turn it in on time in order to receive credit. You will be given one class period for each day of absence to complete the work.

Supplies:

You will need to bring the following supplies to class **EACH** day:

- Pencil
- Red checking pen
- Spanish folder (This folder should **ONLY** contain Spanish work)
- Spanish notebook or lined paper

Keep these guidelines in your Spanish folder for review throughout the year. We will have a great year as long as you follow these simple guidelines and try your best. I am here to help you succeed in your study of Spanish, so please do not hesitate to ask for help if you need it. Relax and enjoy the cultural experience!

Parent signature: _____