

Bienvenidos a la Clase de Español
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Un Poquito de Mi

¡Hola! Me llamo Señora Tami Hed. I am excited to be part of Guardian Angels School. I will be helping your child learn more about the Spanish language and culture this year. I have studied Spanish for 8 years along with studying in Mexico. In addition to working with middle school students this year, I teach preschoolers Spanish and work with Futura Language Professionals teaching Spanish to elementary students.

This will be an exciting and challenging class. You will learn a lot! I am always here to help in any way I can. Let me know if you have any questions. Buen suerte!

What will be included in your grade?

Tests/Quizzes/Projects 50%

Students will be given tests and quizzes throughout the year. At times, a project will be substituted for the chapter test. Tests will be mostly written; however, there will be times that an oral component will be added.

Daily Assignments/Notebooks 30%

Homework will be given to students on a regular basis. Our textbook that we will be using is *Ven Conmigo* (7th and 8th grade) and *Adelate* (6th grade) by Holt, Rinehart, & Winston. There are wonderful online practice activities if you visit the MS Spanish page on the GA website. Just click on the textbook that your child is using.

Students need to have a notebook that is separate from other subjects. Students will be responsible for taking notes, completing assignments, any journal entries, etc in their notebooks. The notebooks will be turned in **at least** one time prior to the end of the trimester to check for completion. Incomplete notebooks will result in a lower grade.

Cultural Experiences/Participation 20%

Students will be asked to observe some of the cultural experiences that Guardian Angles offers. Some of these include attending Spanish mass, assisting in Spanish Faith Formation classes, and any of the celebrations that are held at GA or outside of the Chaska area. Students will also need to complete a Cultural Reflection sheet after participating in an event. This sheet will need to be signed by the person in charge of the experience.

Students will be given points on a daily basis for coming to class prepared. In addition, students will be completing a self-evaluation every trimester. This reflection will have the students thinking about their participation, behavior, preparedness, and attitude, etc. during Spanish class. Their evaluations will be taken into consideration when this portion of the grade is assigned.

Dictionary

At this point a Spanish dictionary is not required in class. The textbook does offer a dictionary. I will be encouraging students to use their resources to become more independent in using their textbook language dictionary. The earlier the students begin using a language dictionary the earlier you will see independence in the language. Also, I do offer links to online Spanish dictionaries. Please check the school website for more details or speak with me if you have a special circumstance that needs to be considered.

Extra Credit

I believe that students need to strive for quality work. The amount of time a student puts forth will be a direct reflection in his/her grade. I do not believe in giving students "busy work" to earn extra points. There will be some opportunities throughout the year for students to demonstrate knowledge beyond the classroom. Those tasks will be discussed periodically during the year.

***Please visit the Middle School Spanish website under PARENT RESOURCES (CLASSROOM/HOMEROOM PAGES). There are online practice activities directly linked to our textbooks as well as many other resources.