

Spanish Class Overview for Third Grade

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The best way to contact me is via e-mail and I will respond to you within one school day. If there is a serious or pressing matter, I would encourage you to call the school during school hours. If I am not available, Ms. Bruns will forward you to my voicemail. I check my voice mail periodically during the day. I am also available before school 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 (except on Thursdays) or by appointment.

Course Objectives

Third Grade:

- Focus on expanding vocabulary, grammar structure, and developing listening and comprehension skills.
- Develop appreciation and expand knowledge of different Spanish cultures.

Instructional Method

I will be using different approaches and instructional methods to accommodate the needs of my students throughout the year. My classes consist of demonstrations, pictures, videotapes, games, songs and oral activities as well as different activities to develop cultural awareness. I use thematic units while integrating other subject areas to reinforce the lesson and make connections.

Absences

Students in 3rd come to Spanish twice a week for 45 minutes each class; therefore, it is important to attend classes and avoid missing Spanish on those days. While there are a lot of events that we can't control such as doctor's appointment, etc., I encourage you not make appointments that will conflict with Spanish class. If you do have to, please let me know ahead of time so that I can provide you with the material your child would miss that day.

Grading and Assessment

There are no letter grades up to 3rd grade. However, I do assess my students in different areas, such as vocabulary, grammar, and listening skills. We generally have Unit Tests at the end of each unit, which will consist of oral and writing skills depending on the grade level. Sometimes a project or a presentation may be substituted for a test.

Homework

There is no homework generally assigned in Spanish. Certain projects for 3rd grade may be started in class and worked on at home, such as memorizing a song, memorizing few lines and practicing for a dialogue or a skit.

Students will bring their Spanish folder prior to a test, *which needs to be brought back to class the day of the test*. The handouts and the study guide can be kept at home. A Study Guide will be provided before each test. This will also be posted in the Sycamore website at www.sycamoreeducation.com . This page also includes links to get reinforcement for additional practice for certain units.