

# Spanish Immersion Language & Literature

-7th grade-

2014 - 2015



Welcome to 7<sup>th</sup> grade Spanish Immersion Language and Literature!! This is a class devoted to improving reading, writing, speaking, listening and thinking skills. Of course, this will all be done in the Spanish language. We will be involved in a variety of activities this year that help us to better comprehend and speak the Spanish language. This is vital to academic social growth and improves proficiency in our second language. Our 7<sup>th</sup> grade immersion students are going to learn and grow so much! Some of the things that we will be working on are as follows:

- Review and implement the writing process through specific assignments and projects that will be preserved in a cumulative folder.
- Be active readers both inside and outside of classroom through the study of a variety of literature and complete **8 Accelerated Reader points per quarter**.
- Grammatical study emphasizing parts of speech, sentence structure, and punctuation, with specific attention to reviewing areas of need that will be assessed through many speaking and writing activities.
- Practice creative and critical thinking through a variety of classroom activities including writing, analyzing, discussing, debating, and role-playing.
- Read a novel written by a native speaker raised in the Dominican Republic **Antes de ser libres** written by Julia Alvarez.

Each day, students must have the following items in class with them:

- Student binder/language arts folder. Students may like to have tab dividers to organize their materials.
- Agenda (This is provided by the school and must come to class EVERY DAY)
- Pen / pencil and paper (This is a MUST!)
- Markers/Colored Pencils are optional. I have some to share as well.
- A book to read for pleasure
- A positive attitude!

**Grades** will be available for viewing as assignments are graded. The grades represent participation in the following areas: daily assignments / homework, assessments, writing, miscellaneous projects and participation (effort, cooperation and attitude). Grades can be accessed through Powerschool. Your child is also encouraged to monitor his / her grades on a regular basis.

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GRADING SCALE	
93 - 100	A
90 - 92	A-
87 - 89	B+
83 - 86	B
80 - 82	B-
77 - 79	C+
73 - 76	C
70 - 72	C-
67 - 69	D+
63 - 66	D
60 - 62	D-

**Participation Points:**  
Each day, students have the ability to earn 2 participation points. In order to earn full credit, students must be engaged and speak Spanish. Points can be lost if a student speaks in English or if a student is misbehaving. Participation points will be posted in Power School every two weeks.

#### Semester Breakdown of Grades:

Quarter 1: 45%

Quarter 2: 45%

Exam: 10%

**Assignments** are due on the date specified. An absence will excuse the work with no penalty if it is turned in within the same number of days that the student was absent. Unexcused late assignments are expected to be turned in. Students will receive a Core+ and lose 10 % per day and will receive a maximum of 50% of the points if turned in after 5 days.

If students are absent, they can easily find their assignments on my website and any papers that they might need will be in the absence folder labeled with their hour. Each student will find an absence sheet with details of what they missed as well as detailed instructions from a classmate.

I have very high expectations for your children but I have no doubt that they will achieve every goal we set. I am proud to be a part of this phenomenal program at Northern and am so excited to work with your kids!

Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns.

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