



Welcome to 7th grade **Comparative Language**! This is a class designed for Spanish Immersion students to receive direct instruction and practice in the English language for non-transferrable curriculum elements. Our main focus in this class is to observe language structure and analyze the differences and similarities between English and Spanish. Students will be involved in a variety of tasks that will enrich their Immersion education and prepare them for their academic future both in English and Spanish.

In 7th grade, we will be focusing on the following topics:

- Grammar and Mechanics
 - Parts of Speech
 - Sentence Structure
 - Punctuation
- Writing
 - Practicing the writing process in English through formal and informal pieces
- Reading in English
 - 12 Accelerated Reader points per semester in English
 - In-class reading of various genres, such as mystery and nonfiction

Organization is critical in this class. Each day, students should have:

- Student binder/Comparative Language 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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 KEEP CALM AND GET GOOD GRADES	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-

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 absolutely love teaching this class and watching students make connections between what they already know in Spanish and what they are learning in English. I can't wait to spend this semester with your kids!

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

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