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## BIENVENIDOS 3-5 CLASS WITH SENORA BAUGHMAN

I **i**Hola!

I'm very excited to work with your kids this year. I will be teaching 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. For those who don't know me I have been in the school since the beginning and for the first few years I was in charge of the Spanish program for the whole school. I'm very pleased to have two great partners who will be teaching Spanish to the other grades.

The classes will be held in Spanish most of the time, but I will give students a preview and a review if necessary in English (towards the end of the class) to check for comprehension and to describe the homework.

Since I am also a Charter School parent myself, I know that students may have a lot of school work, but please understand that homework for the Spanish class is necessary for practicing the language. Thank you for your support in this. You will be informed if your child is or is not turning in his/her homework.

You are welcome to come and observe or help during the Spanish class (please let me know if you could be a helper). I will be more than happy to have help specially when we are doing projects/centers. I will let you know when we will have special events, projects, etc., where your help will be the most welcome.

The students will be graded as follow:

<b><u>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</u></b>	<b>Homework</b>	<b>25%</b>
	<b>Class work/participation</b>	<b>25%</b>
	<b>Tests/projects</b>	<b>40%</b>
	<b>Behavior/attitude</b>	<b>10%</b>

5<sup>th</sup> graders will get their homework every Tuesday and have a whole week to turn it in, meaning they have to hand in their homework the following Tuesday. In their homework there is a space for you to sign when the homework is completed. If your child doesn't turn in his/her homework for a specific week, you will receive on the Friday folder a Spanish Homework Reminder that you need to sign and return to me.

<b><u>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</u></b>	<b>Homework</b>	<b>25%</b>
	<b>Class work/participation</b>	<b>30%</b>
	<b>Tests/project</b>	<b>35%</b>
	<b>Behavior/attitude</b>	<b>10%</b>

4<sup>th</sup> graders will get their homework every Tuesday and have a whole week to turn it in, meaning they have to hand in their homework the following Tuesday. In their homework there is a space for you to sign when the homework is completed. If your child doesn't turn in his/her homework for a specific week, you will receive on the Friday folder a Spanish Homework Reminder that you need to sign and return to me.

<b><u>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</u></b>	<b>Homework</b>	<b>25%</b>
	<b>Class work/participation</b>	<b>35%</b>
	<b>Tests/project</b>	<b>30%</b>
	<b>Behavior/attitude</b>	<b>10%</b>

The 3<sup>rd</sup> grader will get their homework every Friday which will be together with their regular homework package. They will return it with their regular homework, just make sure your student write his/her name on it.

**Each student needs to bring for Spanish class the following supplies:**

- **A three ring binder**
- **Loose paper for taking notes**
- **A folder for homework**
- **An English-Spanish dictionary**
- **Index cards**

**Also I'm asking for few things for the whole program:**

- **Construction paper,**
- **Poster boards**
- **Colored paper**
- **Books, magazines, movies, etc. in Spanish**

Attach to this letter is the Spanish Program for the School, the Spanish schedule, and an example of the homework reminder. You can always contact me for more information, concerns, suggestions, etc., my email address is: [mbaughman@csmh.org](mailto:mbaughman@csmh.org)

Gracias

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