

Newsletter

7/8th Grade Spanish (A & B)

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This week we've been busy working with verb conjugation. Be sure to ask your students how to conjugate regular -ar, -er, and -ir verbs. On Monday (8-31), there will be a verb quiz. Students will need to both conjugate 15 different verbs and translate each to English. Be sure to study over the weekend! Come see me or email if you're not feeling very confident.

There are still two students who have yet to take their syllabus quiz from last Friday. They should do so as soon as possible. Their names are as follows:

Jennifer Livermore
Aleksander Sochan

Students were given a supplies list and have even been told about a few dates that I will check their supplies in class. There will also be unannounced binder checks, so please remind your student(s) to always have all that they need for class. Again, as was instituted last year, there are no backpacks allowed in the classroom. They are to be left in the lockers.

Students will soon be able to purchase a Spanish/English dictionary from CSMH. The cost will be \$4. There will also be a homework workbook to purchase for a low price. We will utilize this workbook for most weekly homework assignment, thereby eliminating the need for endless paper trails and photocopied messes. Please see me or Mrs. C. if this will be an issue, financially.

A big thanks to all the parents who went out and purchased supplies for our 09-10 school year. I have lots and lots of index cards and paper. We'll make sure those products are recycled when we're done with them.

Homework for this week is on snapgrades. Please follow the direction carefully. You must bring your online printouts to my room before 8AM next Thurs. If you finish early, turn it in early. My homework trays by the door are always willing to take your homework.

As always, whenever you feel you need help with anything we're looking at in Spanish, come see me. Don't let it build up until it becomes absolutely overwhelming.

Con cariño,

Sr. Ramazzina

P.S. I'd like to list my classroom rules here as a reminder of what my expectations are. The first three were our three rules from the first few days of school that apply now just as they did then. The second set of five rules are the main class rules that, if applied properly, will bring each student at least a certain level of success throughout the year. Both positive ostive and negative consequences are listed in the syllabus.

- 1) No hats
- 2) No talking when Sr. R. is talking
- 3) No talking when Sr. R. calls on someone

The "Big 5"

- 1) Pay attention
- 2) Stay focused
- 3) Don't mess around
- 4) Be respectful
- 5) Be an active and intentional learner