

Hola !

Bienvenidos a la clase de español! Welcome to Spanish class! I am so excited to begin our year together! **In our class I will be speaking almost always in Spanish!** I will use lots of pictures, gestures and give you plenty of help. I don't expect you to understand every word I say! I just want you to try your best! Hearing lots of Spanish each day will really help you learn. You will always be able to ask me for help! We will have a list posted of ways to ask for help in Spanish. We will be singing lots of songs, listening to music, and audio activities in Spanish. Just remember, you don't have to understand every word. We are all learning together!

I will expect you to speak to me in Spanish as much as possible. There will be many opportunities for you to speak in Spanish, with a partner, the whole class, and with me! I encourage you to participate even if you don't know how to say something. I want you to try. Remember to have fun!

This year the third graders will be receiving homework 10 minutes at a time, no more than 3 times a week. Fourth and fifth graders will have 15 minutes of homework, no more than 4 times a week. I do not assign homework on weekends. Each assignment will be recorded on your "tarea"(homework) log in your homework folder. All homework is due the next time our class meets. Homework will usually be a review of vocabulary, a practice of a skill we have been working on in class, or a small project your family may help you with. It is very important that you always do your homework since learning to speak a new language takes lots of practice!

In class we will be using our textbook series Viva el español!, which has a workbook and lots of good practice activities. We will also be using games, books, and lots of practice dialogue. I love to

use art, music, and lots of Spanish literature to make sure our class is a fun and active environment for you.

On the first day of class we will discuss classroom behavior and expectations. I expect each of you to follow the guidelines we agree upon in order for us to have a classroom environment where each student feels welcome, comfortable to share ideas, and secure enough to speak Spanish.

I am looking forward to a fantastic year learning with all of you as we explore Spanish language, culture, and literature.

The best way to communicate with me is via email ldugoni@careyschool.com . I also love to chat before or after school. I am looking forward to getting to know all of you and your families.

Gracias!

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