Bellows Free Academy

**World Languages and Classics Department**

# Class: Spanish I Credit: 1

# Text: Buen Viaje

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You are beginning a trip that is going to take us to the great learning experience of the sounds, words, images, knowledge, people and cultures of the big and fun Spanish world!!!!

You made a great choice that will expand your horizons, and will give you wonderful opportunities; you will be able to get to know many more people and places, sing and download more music and learn about the Latin dances. You can watch more movies and TV programs, visit new web and sites, chat with new friends, read different newspapers and books. You can also dream about future travels and meet people from more than 20 countries in the world! Learning a second language will keep your brain more flexible and will give you chances to increase your math and verbal scores!!! As a future professional, enjoy the advantages of being bilingual because you can multiply your chances of working abroad, exchange information with people from other countries and cultures and enhance your job opportunities in government, business, medicine, health care, technology, teaching, communications, industry, the military, law enforcement, social service and marketing.

**WHAT CAN STUDENTS EXPECT TO LEARN BY TRAVELLING TROUGH THE SPANISH WORLD?**

You will start building the Spanish way of thinking by learning pronunciation, basic Spanish grammar and vocabulary that will give you the opportunity to speak, read, listen and write basic Spanish and talk about the Spanish world culture.

You will learn to introduce yourself, describe people and ask and talk about friends, shopping, school, restaurants home and family.

You will be working with web and hands on Projects. You will practice in pairs and groups to develop your listening and oral skills and build self-confidence in the language.

**WHAT I EXPECT FROM THE STUDENT TRAVELERS?**

TRY TO SPEAK SPANISH ALL THE TIME!!!! Don’t be shy! Making mistakes is a great way to learn. Take notes, ask questions, be curious, be active, be ready to explore at anytime. Learning Spanish is not just a class, it is a state of mind!!!! I will be speaking and writing in Spanish as much as possible.

Practice allows language to be fixed in the brain so you will need at least **10 minutes of daily practice through homework** and monthly projects. If you don’t get the homework you can seek for extra help during Enrichment, before or after school by appointment. . **You need to demonstrate that you tried**; otherwise I will not be accepting this excuse for not doing homework.

***Make up assignments*. Late work is not accepted.** To obtain and make up work is the responsibility of the student**. I will not hunt you down.** If you miss a quiz you have two full class days to make it up on your own time. **Extra credit will only be given to those who complete all homework assignments.**

Look for your homework in my website <http://cantaletabfa.weebly.com>

***Be on time*,** and **come prepared** to class. Bring in your books, binder, notebook, pen, pencils, and materials required for class and Projects. You need ***to keep your binder and notebook organized* with** all the notes and hand outs. No iPods, no cell phones, no MP3 players, no headphones should be used during class, unless they are planned as a class resource.

**Respect** will make things easier so be caring. Be on task. Respect the teacher. Be encouraging and supportive to each other and do not make negative or disturbing comments. **Respect** the materials, the classroom, and the learning time and above all, be open to have fun learning Spanish. Please share this adventure with your parents.

HOW WILL YOU BE EVALUATED?

**Participation and Binder**: 25%

**Journal, Homework:** 20%

**Quizzes, pop quizzes, projects, oral presentations**: 35%

**Unit Tests/.Final exam** : 20%

NEED EXTRA HELP? Questions or comments from parents?

If you don’t get the homework or have a question or concern, I will be glad to give extra help after school or during Enrichment by appointment or send me an email: osaldarriaga@fcsuvt.org.

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**MATERIALS YOU NEED. Due September 7th**

* One three ring binder with seven dividers and paper
* One notebook for journal entries
* Writing utensils
* A book cover

HOMEWORK: Students please return this sheet signed up by September 7th

We agree to take the trip to the Spanish world with all the expectations, rules and responsibilities.

Student name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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PARENTS/GUARDIANS NAME Signature

**ON LINE VERSION**

**Dear parents and students:**

**Please go on line and search my Spanish website**

<http://cantaletabfa.weebly.com>

Please take a moment to read the General Information pertaining the course. It includes the Syllabus or the Course outline, the class rules and the class schedule. Look for your homework in my website <http://cantaletabfa.weebly.com>

After reading the information please sign this form. Your signature will indicate that you and your son/daughter are aware of the information and are committed to the course by following the class rules, responsibilities and policies.

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Thank you. Gracias

Olga Lucia Saldarriaga. Spanish teacher

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**BIENVENIDOS A BORDO!!! Welcome on board!!!!**