

Español 2



*"The beautiful thing
about learning is
that no one can take
it away from you."
B.B. King*

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Dear Parents:

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide information about my Spanish class. This is my fourth year here at Brentwood. I am looking forward to the opportunity to work with you to make this a successful year for your high school student.

In my class, the expectations for my students and myself remain at the same high level that Brentwood's reputation has established. As the students and I begin our year together I have enjoyed getting to know each one better.

I use TPR (Total Physical Response) and TPRS (Teaching Proficiency through Reading and Storytelling) techniques to teach Spanish.

Our Spanish lessons will focus around students learning all four skills of the language: listening, reading, writing and speaking.

¡Saludos!

Sra. Roa



Tips for success

1. Spending 15 minutes to review vocabulary and notes each day instead of cramming for the test.
2. Quiz vocabulary with another person.
3. Utilize online activities for a different way to review.
4. Retake tests that were not passed quickly within 3 days. (70 is the highest retake score)
5. Miss class as little as possible! One day without Spanish intake can affect the rest of the unit.

Important dates:

**Parent/Teacher conferences: (students requested to attend my conferences)
Sept. 29**

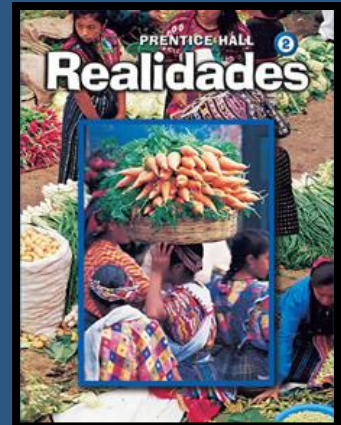
End of the 1st grading period: Oct. 14

Fall Break: Oct 19& 20

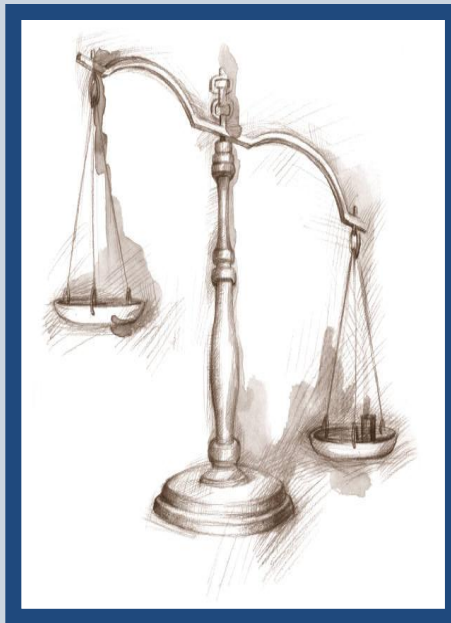
My Schedule

- 1st : Spanish II
- 2nd : Planning
- 3rd : Spanish III Honors
- 4th : Spanish II
- 5th : Study Hall
- 6th : Lunch / Homeroom
- 7th : Spanish III Honors
- 8th : Spanish III Honors

IT'S ALL ONLINE!!!
-HOMEWORK PAGES
-VOCABULARY LISTS
-STORIES FOR READING
-MORE PRACTICE
-VIDEO EXPLANATIONS
-THE TEXTBOOK



The Prentice Hall Realidades 2 textbook is available online also!



Tip: All homework, tests, extra credit opportunities and quizzes are announced on my webpage!

Grade Weight

The grading system is based off of categories. Below is a list of each category and their percentage.

- 40% Test Grades
- 25% Quizzes
- 15% Participation
- 20% In class assignments, homework, & projects

Syllabus

1st 9 weeks

- PE – Review of 1st year
- CH 1A – Your school day
- CH 1B – What you do after school

2nd 9 weeks

- CH 2A – Your daily routine
- CH 2B – What did you buy?
- CH 3A – Running errands in town

3rd 9 weeks

- CH 3B – Driving and directions
- CH 4A – When you were a child
- CH 4B – Family gatherings and holidays

4th 9 weeks

- CH 5A – Natural Disasters
- CH 5B – Accidents/Body injuries
- CH 6A – Things you watch on TV

What is a Participation Grade?

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A participation grade is similar to an evaluation received in a workplace. A good participation grade is earned by students who:

- ✓ Get started on the beginning work right away
- ✓ Bring all materials for class
- ✓ Pay attention
- ✓ Follow directions
- ✓ Listen when others talk
- ✓ Respect others and the school's rules
- ✓ Greet others in Spanish each day
- ✓ Do all the gestures
- ✓ Have, organize and use binder/notebook effectively
- ✓ Act in the stories (and this means showing emotion!)
- ✓ Contribute new ideas or vocabulary to a story
- ✓ Volunteer for retells
- ✓ Ask and answer questions
- ✓ Help keep the class focused towards learning Spanish
- ✓ Help other students learn
- ✓ Contribute ideas for mnemonic (memory) devices
- ✓ Encourage and/or praise others
- ✓ Demonstrate good sportsmanship
- ✓ Participate in homework review and beginning class activities
- ✓ Put forth extra effort by doing work that is not assigned or for a grade
- ✓ Use the Spanish language to communicate whenever possible!
- ✓ Allow themselves to have fun and enjoy themselves in class!

