**Spanish 1 Syllabus**

**Ms. Knott**

**2014-2015**

***¡Hola y bienvenido/a a la clase de español 1!*** I am pleased to have you as a student and am looking forward to getting to know you this year. Spanish 1 is a beginning course designed for students who want to know the basics of language learning as well as the culture of Spanish-speaking countries.

In this class, we will focus on the National Standards for Foreign Language Learning in the 21st Century: Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons & Communities. You will be assessed in the following areas in Spanish: Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking & Culture.

***Classroom Rules-***

* Be nice.
* Be honest.
* Be prepared*.*

***Grading-***

Turn in all work on time. You will receive half-credit per day for late work. Put your name on all of your work. No name = No grade.

***Grading Scale:***

 ***A 94% - 100% C+ 81% - 82%***

 ***A- 92% - 93% C 76% - 80%***

 ***C- 74% - 75%***

***B+ 90% - 91% D+ 72% - 73%***

***B 85% - 89% D 67% - 71%***

***B 83% - 84% D- 65% - 66%***

 ***F 64% and below***

Grades will be based on total points in the following categories:

* Tests/Quizzes
* Word of the Day quizzes
* Daily Work/Projects
* Participation

***Participation* –**

You will be given five (5) points each day for arriving to class on time, bringing proper materials, following class rules, participation, etc. If you are absent (for any reason) you may earn these points back. Go to Ms. Knott’s Planbook website for your Spanish class (you will be guided through this during the first week of classes) and print off the assignment sheet for the day(s) you were absent and hand it in with your name on it. This MUST be handed in at the beginning of class on the day you return or no credit will be given. No exceptions.

***Attendance-***

Being on time to class, as well as being prepared with your materials are integral parts of being a good Spanish student. It is difficult to acquire a foreign language when you are not in class regularly. Be familiar with the student handbook attendance policy! Zeros may be given on assignments/quizzes/tests/etc. after eight absences. When prioring out, tests/quizzes MUST be taken BEFORE you are absent or you will not receive credit. This should be done before or after school, not during my other Spanish classes.

For this class you will need to bring the following materials:

* Planner
* Notebook (for Spanish only)
* Folder (for Spanish only)
* Handouts
* Pen or pencil
* Book (if applicable)

***Leaving the room –***

You are allowed 5 trips out of the room each semester, and you must ask to leave in SPANISH. You MUST take *your* planner with you and only one student is allowed to leave at a time. Use your trips wisely! If you need more than 5 trips, you will make up the time that you were gone before/after school.

***Laptops*** ***–***

You will use them when instructed to do so and for the intended purpose only. If I have to ask you to put your computer away to start class, to get back on task, etc., you will serve a detention with me. Rules may be added or amended throughout the school year if needed. Please refer to the student handbook regarding proper computer/network/internet usage.

***Cell Phones/iPods/etc.* *–***

These items will be confiscated and turned into the office if they are seen and/or heard. No exceptions.

***Detentions--***

Must be made up within two days of being issued. You must let me know ahead of time when you will serve. If not served within two days, you will be given a referral. Profanity/derogatory terms will earn you an automatic detention. Please be nice. ☺