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ESPAÑOL IV Y V

**MaterialsNeeded:**

- 3-ring binder

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- Loose leaf paper

- Small spiral notebook for inside of binder for notes

- Pencils/pens

- Spanish-English Dictionary or app

- Un sobre para los pesos

Please use the dividers to label the following sections:

1. Notas de Gramática/Palabras útiles/Vocabulario
2. Ejercicios/Prácticas (loose leaf goes here)
3. Fichas de trabajos (worksheets)
4. “Toca-timbres” (bellringers)

**Grades:**

Grades are based equally on exams (25%) quizzes and homework (25%), projects and orals (25%) participation (25%)

**Class structure:**

* Class content is equally divided between writing, listening, speaking and reading

Cada semana vamos a intentar hacer: música/cultura, escuchando, escribiendo

 lecturas (noticias/periódicos), hablando con materiales autenticas.

* Emphasis is also placed on cultural activities
* Fluency and listening comprehension are a focus for upper level courses
* Group work is also important: be polite when working together!
* Participation is essential when learning a 2nd language. You will be graded on your participation several times each quarter, or if needed once every several weeks.
* We will be having “Noticias” on Fridays. Your name will be randomly chosen. Please prepare something to share with the class in Spanish according the rubric. The topics will get more advanced as the year progresses.
* If you miss a class, you are responsible for making up the assigned material in a timely manner. If you know you will be gone, please get the class work ahead of time as class time is so important.
* You will be paid in pesos for participating in Spanish appropriately in class. You may turn them in at the end of the quarter towards your participation points/quiz/exams grades or el “mini-mercado.”
* We will be keeping a writing journal and a portfolio, hopefully on-line with google docs, or in your composition books.
* There are a lot of speaking activities in front of the class. A supportive and encouraging atmosphere is expected.
* Daily “Toca-timbres” will help increase visual and cultural literacy with quizzes at the end of each week and the end of the quarters.
* For Level V, there is the possibility of taking the CLEP exam (at your own expense) towards College Credit. However, JCC College Credit as part of their EDGE Program is available to each of you at NO cost. Up to six credits can be earned (3 each semester). Most colleges and even community colleges like to see a language through at least level IV. Some colleges also offer their exams for credit. Please check with the colleges that you have in mind to see what their policy is. Being a part of the JCC course is not required for Spanish V, but is certainly suggested, and the best budget for college credits around!
* All classes are Spanish only, Inglés no existe! You will get out of the course what you put in, your level of Spanish is in your hands. ☺

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