

7th Grade Spanish

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Mastery Outcomes:

Purpose Statement: Students will use new grammar and vocabulary to write and deliver original conversations and paragraphs about their daily lives.

SP.7.1 Students will be able to use vocabulary and grammar to conduct greetings and goodbyes.

SP.7.2 Students will be able to ask and answer questions using new grammar and vocabulary relating to personal descriptions and likes.

SP.7.3 Students will describe a variety of activities they and others do, including whom they do them with, as well as the frequency and location of the activities.

SP.7.4 Students will be able to describe their school day and after school activities.

SP.7.5 Students will describe family, other people, daily tasks, where they and others live, and specific responsibilities.

What is Spanish?

Spanish is the study of communication and cultures through listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Why do we teach Spanish?

Each student will attain the listening, speaking, reading and writing skills to actively participate in culturally diverse communities.

What topics will be studied this year?

Spanish in 7th grade is the preparation for Spanish in high school. Students are essentially completing the first half of Spanish I that they would complete during the first semester in high school. The specific skills students will cover are detailed in the Mastery Outcomes listed above. In addition, students will be able to compare and contrast their own culture with the cultures of Spain, Puerto Rico, the Spanish-speaking U.S., Costa

Rica and Chile. They will also learn about music, art, festivals and much more within the Spanish-speaking world.

Instructional Strategies:

At Pleasantdale we take a communicative approach to teaching Spanish. We concentrate on conversations, small projects, and many other ways of relaying information. Activities will focus on reading and writing, oral communication, and listening. Spanish is taught through the following strategies:

- Child-centered activities
- Interactive communicative scenarios
- Authentic assessments pertaining to real-life situations
- Spiraling skills and concepts that result in fluency as students progress through the grade levels

Assessments:

Forms of assessment include tests, quizzes, homework, participation (including oral participation), writing assignments and small projects. We cover 5 chapters in the textbook so there are 5 entire tests. Please note that some tests will be split into 2 parts. There will be at least 2 quizzes given per chapter. Homework is usually assigned 3 nights per week. There will be writing assignments and small projects assigned frequently throughout the year. Extra credit will also be available. There is a **total point system** in place.

Resources:

The student text is Holt, Rinehart and Winston's ¡Exprésate! Spanish 1. In addition, films, music, art, reading materials, and other authentic materials will be used to enhance learning.

***If you have any questions or if you would like to discuss your student's progress in this course please do not hesitate to contact me.