Greetings, parents and students; I am so excited for this year to start! Below are a couple good things to know as we begin and a few have been updated from the website. I am new at this and am still getting my policies figured out. Any future changes will be announced via email.

Course goals:

To develop the ability to read, write, speak and listen in Spanish and develop an understanding and appreciation for the Spanish and Latin American cultures.

Things to have:

 Notebook paper

 Pencils

 Planner

 Index cards connected with a ring

 Coloring pencils

 Dry erase markers, the thin tip ones are recommended

 Any homework that is due

Things to know:

Homework

You will have homework and, to pass the tests, you must do it. You must get involved and you must participate in order to get a good grade and more importantly, to learn the most beautiful language in the world.

Late work

Late work will be accepted up to two class periods before the end of the unit, but you will lose an automatic 10%.

 Participation

A large amount of your success in this class will come from participation. I cannot stress this enough.

Class procedures:

 House Cup

There are 5 things I expect from you every day:

 1. You are in your seat when the bell rings starting the bell ringer

 2. You are prepared for class and participate

 3. You respect your peers

 4. You respect me

5. You wait for me to dismiss you

These 5 things will each earn you a point in the house cup competition. If, after two weeks of class, you have earned 16 points, we will have a class game day. If, on any day, you earn less than 3 points you must get 5 points a different day to make up for it.

 Fridays are all Spanish, all class, no exceptions.

Grading:

I am doing a half mastery based grading with some extra participation thrown in due to the importance of participation in learning Spanish.

The breakdown:

50% based on evaluations

20% based on in class participation

20% based on homework

10% based on reflection notebook