

Kemper Academy

Spanish I and II

Teacher Info:

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B.S. Degree in Biology (Pre-med curriculum), Millsaps College

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Goals: The main goal of this course is to be able to construct a grammatically correct sentence in Spanish, to be able to translate written Spanish, and to memorize helpful phrases needed to communicate with Spanish-speaking individuals

Focus: Speaking a language fluently only emerges from several years of studying. Therefore, this course in Spanish does not attempt to create fluent Spanish speakers, but to build the foundation for further studies that will accomplish fluency. There are many oral exercises built into the text and we cover all of them, as well as read aloud in Spanish. Many of the oral exercises, such as introductions, are memorization exercises. The emphasis is on reading and writing the language and is taught from a grammar standpoint. Each chapter focuses on vocabulary (such as food or sports) and several grammar rules as well as cultural notes from specific Spanish speaking countries.

Supplies: A three-ring binder for graded work and handouts. The binder will not be taken up or graded; it is for the student to use as a reference and study guide. Notebook paper and #2 pencils and/or blue or black pens are also needed.

Grading Scale: The final grade will be calculated as follows:

- Fall Semester Grade: 50%
 - 50% First Nine Weeks, 50% Second Nine Weeks
- Spring Semester Grade: 50%
 - 50% Third Nine Weeks, 50% Fourth Nine Weeks

Each nine weeks grade will be calculated as follows:

- Classwork: 15%
- Homework: 15%
- Subject Quizzes: 50%
- Nine Weeks Test: 20%