

Spanish III Honors Summer 2018

¡Hola, Chicos!

¡Bienvenidos a la clase de español III de honores! Congratulations for continuing in your Spanish learning! Spanish is a great language, and we in the Foreign Language department hope/ expect that you will continue to Spanish IV Honors and/or AP Spanish and even beyond to become a lifetime learner. Spanish III is very heavy on speaking, writing, listening, and using your grammar skills to communicate. We will be doing all these things at a high level in every class. You should be prepared to speak in Spanish in the classroom with your classmates and also with your teacher. You should also be prepared for the teacher to speak in the class to the students in Spanish the majority of the time.

Summer Work:

Please purchase the book that all Honors students use in our classes. For Level III, we will use the Amsco Nassi/ Levy ***Spanish Two Year*** book, Third Edition. **You should purchase this during the summer and have it at the beginning of school this August.** To purchase, go to **amscopub.com** and in the “Search” box, change the “Title” to “ISBN” and look for ISBN #978-1-62974-672-2. This book costs about \$16 (you can go in with someone else to cut down on shipping costs).

Do NOT try to buy it off amazon or any other place like that-- sometimes they charge an exorbitant price for it.

In this book, you should take time to review vocabulary. Pages 345- 370 contain vocabulary lists (mostly of nouns) that are very common words. Please take a little time this summer and review them and make sure you are familiar with them. On pages 3, 4, 5, 8, 13, 16, 17, 19, and 20, there is a review of basic present tense verbs and listing of verbs and their meanings that are very commonly used. Again, you should be very familiar with these verbs. If you don't know a lot of these, I suggest that you spend time learning some of these that can be used in lots of situations.

Another way to practice vocabulary is to use the online site that accompanies your *Avancemos* book, “classzone.com.” You can use this site in the summer to review the vocabulary in the *Spanish 2* book for the “Lección Preliminar” all the way through “Unidad 4, Lección 1.” It is probably also a good idea to review your *Spanish 1* vocabulary up through Unidad 4 as well if you don't think you know those words. Here is how to best use this site:

Go to “**classzone.com**” and follow the prompts to choose the book you want to study or review. In the lower left hand corner, click on “@HomeTutor.” When the application pops up, type in your name and choose Level A (the easiest), Level B, or Level C (the most difficult). You can choose “Vocabulary” or “Grammar” work. With the Vocabulary, you can flip through flashcards and then do some exercises on the words (You can also watch the “Presentation” of the different grammar points in each unit). Each segment also has a reading portion and a listening (Escuchar) section. This is a very good place to practice your listening skills and improve your comprehension. You can expect some vocabulary quizzes during the 1st two weeks on these vocabulary words. These are words that you are expected to be very familiar with and to be able to use easily.

In order to improve your listening skills, I would also like for you to listen to some Spanish-language podcasts; you may have done some of these in Spanish II Honors. The webpage is **www.notesinspanish.com** --- you will be listening to the “Inspired Beginners” segments. **Listen to the podcasts listed below and take notes as you listen. I will take up notes on these podcasts the first week of school.** We may discuss these at the

beginning of school next year, and this is very good practice for your listening comprehension. In the beginners level, the two characters speaking, Ben and Marina, speak in English a lot to set up the situation, so pay careful attention so that you know the context of the conversation. Also, they always review the previous segment, which you may or may not have listened to. You might want to listen to the Spanish section several times; remember that this is to increase your understanding. Don't wait until the last week to do these!!! You should do these little by little throughout the summer.

We will do the Intermediate podcasts during the school year, so if you are interested in checking some of those out, feel free.

Do the ones listed below (and any others you find interesting!):

Notes in Spanish Inspired Beginners #1 "Hola"

Notes in Spanish Inspired Beginners #4 "Nuestras Familias"

Notes in Spanish Inspired Beginners #18, "Nada de Nada"

Notes in Spanish Inspired Beginners #24: "Ir de Tapas"

Notes in Spanish Inspired Beginners #22 "Odio el Fútbol"

Find some time to practice speaking this summer if you can. Listen to song Spanish-language songs and learn some new phrases! Watch some Spanish-language series or movies on Netflix (or watch your favorite Disney movie in Spanish with English subtitles and pay attention to the language!) Order in Spanish at your favorite Mexican restaurant!

I am looking forward to a great year next year in Spanish III Honors. Have a great summer and see you in August.

~Sra. Robinson