

Spanish II Welcome Letter

Welcome to our Spanish Class. I am Mrs. Goddard or you may call me Señora Silvia. I am originally from Guatemala, and I am excited to share with you my language and many interesting facts about my culture plus the cultures and customs of other Spanish speaking countries.

During our first class meeting we will adopt Spanish names for each student. Once you have chosen a favorite Spanish name or the translation of your first name, then whenever I take attendance for each class, I will call you by your English name, and you will be asked to respond with your Spanish name.

We will learn and memorize scripture verses from the Bible, but this time, each student will have the opportunity to choose the scriptures. Please bring your 3 favorite Bible verses the first day of class and the reason why you chose them. During our first class we will work on the Spanish version of one of these verses.

Most of you already have some knowledge of basic concepts in Spanish such as: colors, letters, numbers and general information on Spanish countries. This term we will concentrate on speaking Spanish using common expressions; we will also learn how to conjugate verbs; and to use numbers to play games, solve problems and even have an auction in Spanish. We will also share some recipes in Spanish.

We will be using a book from the IES Language Foundation. I am planning on having the books the first day of class. As you know, the book comes with a CD. I would recommend you to follow your assignments and listen to the chapters two or three times a week. This will be to your benefit in learning how to pronounce the words, and you will be able to communicate in Spanish when we meet.

I am excited that you have decided to take Spanish this term. Please keep in mind that in order to learn a language, you need to listen, study and practice your vocabulary. Please come prepared to class; I would like to see you taking notes during class and also creating your own dictionary with the new words and expressions that you learn.

The first day of class, I will give the students the assignments for this semester. Thanks again for being part of the Spanish class. I hope you enjoy it!

Things to bring:

- Spanish-English dictionary (optional)
- Notebook
- Color pencils or crayons
- Pens or pencils