**September 1, 2014**

 **Mrs. Kathy Thomas**

 **8th grade Spanish Class Expectations**

 **The 8th grade Spanish program is a core course and will meet every day. Spanish students will begin their language study with Spanish 8 in 8th grade and take Spanish 1 in 9th grade. This will lead to the completion of level one Spanish, by the end of 9th grade. This year students will take a local final at the end of the year. The curriculum will assess speaking, listening, reading, and writing.**

**To be successful in 8th grade Spanish students need to;**

* **Come prepared to class daily**
* **Be appropriate**
* **Participate in the target language daily**
* **Do the homework which will be assigned n a regular basis, and it will be due the following day. Points will be deducted if handed in late.**
* **Respect the environment and each other**
* **Prepare for tests and quizzes**
* **Ask for help when needed**

**Text: En Espanol 1a by McDougal-Littell 2004**

**Materials:**

**For 8th grade Spanish students need pens or pencils, a binder or spiral notebook, and a 2 pocket folder. Students will be given vocabulary lists for each unit that should be kept in their binder or folder. Also index cards are helpful for vocabulary study and review.**

**Materials supplementing instruction:**

* **Worksheets from mas practica and actividades workbooks for En Espanol 1a**
* **Cultural readings, DVD’S ,and computer activities**
* **Websites** [**www.quizlet.com**](http://www.quizlet.com)**,** [**www.classzone.com**](http://www.classzone.com)**, and** [**www.mrsthomasspanish.weebly.com**](http://www.mrsthomasspanish.weebly.com)

**Grading policy:**

 **Homework = 20%**

* **Completed and on time [100]**
* **Late or poorly done [65]**
* **Not submitted [0]**

**Quizzes = 20%**

* **Given on a regular basis with prior knowledge**
* **Must be made up as soon as possible or a 0 will be given**

**Tests = 20%**

* **Given at least twice within a 10 week marking period**
* **Must be made up as soon as possible**

**Projects = 20%**

* **At least one per marking period**

**Participation = 20%**

* **Students are expected to participate in class**

**It is very important to pay attention and participate in class. It is necessary to do the assigned homework that reinforces and practices skills presented in the classroom.**

**In order to have a positive and successful learning environment it is necessary for students to act in an appropriate manner. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary consequences.**

**I hope this year will be successful for your son or daughter as he or she begins to explore a new language and its culture.**

**If at any time you feel the need to contact me, please do not hesitate to call the high school at 642-8351 or e-mail me at** **kthomas@nvcs.stier.org****. My website is** [**www.mrsthomasspanish.weebly.com**](http://www.mrsthomasspanish.weebly.com) **.**

 **Sincerely,**

 **Kathy Thomas**

**I have read the Spanish class expectations.**

**Student’s signature:**

**Parent’s signature:**

**Parent’s e-mail:**

**Parent’s phone number:**