

## ***Bienvenidos a la Clase de Español!***

*"Learning to speak another's language means taking one's place in the human community. It means reaching out to others across cultural and linguistic boundaries. Language is far more than a system to be explained. It is our most important link to the world around us. Language is culture in motion. It is people interacting with people." Sandra Savignon*

Get your passport ready and be prepared to explore a land, people and language that will be sure to enrich your life and open your mind. Welcome to Spanish and Latin American language and culture study at Feinstein Middle School.

The Spanish program at the middle school is a basic introduction to the language and the Spanish and Latin American cultures. Since Spanish is a semester long enrichment course, we focus on cultural studies, speaking and listening skills, learning practical vocabulary and very basic conversation.

Students will work on many exciting projects that will enrich their vocabulary and knowledge of the culture.

Students are required to come to class prepared. I also expect that work is submitted on time- I will not accept late assignments. I give students sufficient time to work on projects in class. I also offer extra help if the child is working to the best of his/her ability in class.

Students will receive daily grades in Spanish which will make up about 40% of their overall class grade. Every day, students self-assess and earn a self-directed learner grade. The other 60% of their grade consists of projects and class assignments. At the end of the semester, students may earn the privilege of making piñatas, participating in a scavenger hunt and a fiesta. To participate, students must earn 3's for self-directed learner, have all assignments submitted on time and not have lower than a 3 on any assignment.

Those activities are earned.

I look forward to exploring a wonderful new world with your child.

Please contact me at any time with questions via email at [dunphymaria@coventryschools.net](mailto:dunphymaria@coventryschools.net).

Thank you,

Maria Dunphy