



September 1, 2020

I hope that you all had a wonderful summer, although I am sure that it looked quite different from previous years. As summer comes to an end, we welcome the new 2020-2021 school year. My name is Mrs. Andrea Minor and I will be your child's Spanish teacher. Spanish is taken as an exploratory course one semester during the 8th grade year. Students then have the option to select Spanish as an elective; levels I-IV are offered.

Students are expected to arrive to class on time, and bring with them the required textbook, notebook, something to write with, and a positive attitude.

Grades each marking period come from classwork, homework, quizzes, projects, a notebook, and participation in class. Each marking period grade counts for 20% of the overall grade for the course. A mid-term and final exam are part of the course, and each of these exams accounts for 10% of the overall grade. Students in the 8th grade exploratory course will receive a marking period grade during each of the two marking periods when the student is enrolled in the course.

We work on developing reading, writing, listening, and speaking abilities in the target language (Spanish), as well as learning about Hispanic culture. The students must follow along with the concepts that they are being taught, because this is a course that continues to build. If a student misses a class, it is his/her responsibility to check with another student to find out what he/she missed and copy notes that were given during the absence. The student is expected to make up all missed work as well. If the student is unable to, or feels more comfortable, he/she is welcome to check with me instead of a classmate.

It is my promise that I will do my very best to explain concepts, answer questions, and make everyone feel comfortable in my classroom. Students will have access to my daily schedule so that they can come see me with questions or for tutoring. My goal is to make the foreign language experience as authentic as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at aminor@rockwoodschoools.org or by phone at (814) 926-4631.

Please sign and return the bottom portion of this letter by Friday, September 4, 2020.

Thank you,
Andrea Minor

Student name _____ Student signature _____

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