

Saint Robert Bellarmine Welcome Information Sheet Grades K – 8th

Welcome to the beginning of the new 2010 - 2011 school year. We, at St. Robert Bellarmine, are excited about our Spanish Foreign Language Program that will continue this year as an Enrichment Program for all grades K – 8th. The program will be taught by Mrs. Rosalie Moya.

A. Purpose

The basis of the Spanish Foreign Language Program (SFLP) is to provide an opportunity for all pupils to:

- Develop the potential ability inherent in young children of learning a second language naturally and easily, and of achieving near-native pronunciation;
- Achieve conversational facility in Spanish through early and continuous contact with the language;
- Build interest in further study of the Spanish Language in preparation for future vocational and/or personal application in an increasingly interconnected world;
- Increase awareness of the nuances of Latin American culture in the U.S. Southwest, as reflected in Spanish names of cities, streets, schools, Spanish words, phrases and idioms; in music, art and architecture, in community fiestas, and in many other aspects of our daily life;
- Acquire a better understanding and appreciation of the customs and traditions of Spanish-Speaking Americans and our neighbors across the border; and
- Cultivate affirmative attitudes toward individuals from other Countries and cultures.

For children from Spanish-speaking homes, the Spanish Foreign Language Program provides an avenue through which they may experience a greater feeling of acceptance; and builds their confidence with peers for their contribution to the group process.

B. Evaluating Pupil's Accomplishments in Speaking Spanish

The effectiveness of the Spanish Language program can be assessed by the pupil's ability to:

- Respond spontaneously to greetings
- Understand simple directions

- Pronounce and enunciate Spanish words correctly – relative to regional Spanish spoken in Southern California
- Solicit “Ask and Answer” simple questions
- Participate in social conversations about family and friends
- Describe basic activities at home, in school and in the community
- Understand and appreciate the customs and cultural traditions of Spanish-Speaking populations

The student progress will be based on their individual capacity and will serve as criteria in evaluating their accomplishment.

C. Classroom Behavior Expectation

Students will be expected to:

1. Listen carefully;
2. Follow instructional directions;
3. Work and play safely;
4. Respect others, be kind with words and actions; and
5. Respect school and personal property.

If students choose to break the rules:

- a) Students will have to complete “A Plan of Action” discipline form, which will be kept in the student file and a copy to be sent home.
- b) The teacher, as referred to in the handbook, determines unacceptable behavior.

D. Homework Policy

Most of the homework for this program will be to review, practice and memorize commonly used words, phrases, idioms taken from prayers, plays, poems or other educational storybook materials.

□ E. Grading Scores

O =	A Grade:	97% - 100%
	A- Grade:	93% - 96%
G =	B+ Grade:	90% - 92%
	B Grade:	87% - 89%
	B- Grade:	85% - 86%
S =	C+ Grade:	80% - 84%
	C Grade:	74% - 79%
	C- Grade:	70% - 74%
NI =	D Grade:	65% - 69%

F. Materials Needed:	Foreign Language	Mrs. Moya	
Note: check your grade level to see if you need a particular item for your class.			
Supply List	St. Robert Bellarmine		
What grade are you in?	Grades 1, 2	Grades 3,4	Grades 5,6,7,8
Binder one blue inch 3 ring preferred			1
Binder Paper College Ruled		Make sure you have enough paper to last through the year	
Crayons		1	1
Erasers		1	1
Kleenex Tissue	Each student will bring in a total of one box		
Antibacterial/ Baby wipes or gel			
Paper towels			
Pee Chee folders	1	1	
Mechanical Pencils #2		4	4
Pens blue		4	4
Pen-Red			1
Notebook 8 1/2 Spiral Bound college			
Sharpie Fine Point (Black) write your name on it!		2	2
No Permanent Ink Markers!			
No whiteout of any kind!			
One pack of white copy paper		Grades 1- 8 th	
One Pocket Spanish Dictionary		Grades 5 – 8 only	

<u>3" blinders are too large</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a student, it is an exception that you come to class prepared. • Students should always have more than one pen at all times and enough paper for the day. 			
PLEASE BRING ONE TISSUE, WIPES, PAPER TOWELS, AND ONE PACK OF WHITE COPY PAPER IN A MARKET BAG WITH YOUR NAME AND GRADE ON THE BAG 2 ND WEEK OF SEPTEMBER. (PER FAMILY)			

It is our intent to continue this year an exciting and stimulating educational year. If you have any questions regarding the Spanish Foreign Language Program, you may contact me directly.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mrs. Rosalie Moya
Spanish Language Coordinator