**Information on Sra. Cano’s Spanish class:Language Acquisition**

I look forward to teach your child this school year! I will help create and maintain a highly-effective learning experience. I’m listing expectations and a conduct plan. Please read carefully and help your student to paste it into his/her notebook to keep it during the semester. Student will turn in the last part of this expectations next class (parent contact information).

There are many reasons why a student should learn a second language. It is a fact, that people who speak a second language have a better understanding of the world and their neighbors. Studies show that students who have learned or are in the process of acquiring a second language do better in exams. A second language opens up doors to other cultures helping students understand other communities and expand their world view.

Lanier Middle School is part of the International Baccalaureate-Middle Year Program (**IBMYP**). The aim of this program is to allow students to develop the knowledge, attitudes and skills they need to participate effectively in life in the twenty-first century. The program aims to develop international awareness. This allows students to consider different perspectives to develop an understanding of what is common as well as what is different.

**Classroom behavior:** All students are to behave appropriately and nothing else is tolerated. In terms of class rules they are simple:

**Our class is:**

**Prepared -**Come prepared for class every day, bring all the necessary materials including homework.

**Productive-** Use your time wisely. Follow directions. Keep engaged in the lesson.

**Prompt-** Arrive to class on-time every day and work on your warm-up. Turn in assignments in the due date.

**Polite-** Show respect to your teacher and classmates with your words and actions.

**Positive-** Demonstrate a positive attitude in the classroom

**Graded work:**

1. **Missing assignments** are equivalent to a grade of zero. In case of an absence, it is the student’s responsibility to schedule a makeup time to bring his/her assignment completed.
2. The completion of the **Request for Acceptance of late work** form is required when missing homework.

**Homework** will be assigned daily. It will be due the next day unless otherwise specified. If you had an emergency and you don’t bring your homework on time, there are some **Late Homework Forms** available for you just ask for it and remember your parents must sign it.

1. **Projects.** Each project will have its own rubrics.
2. **Vocabulary/Verb quizzes and listening practices** are a very important part of your grade so not only is expected a good review of the new words in the chapter before coming to class, but a good attitude is expected in the class and once again, COME PREPARED!
3. **Chapter Test:** You will have a chapter test at the end of each section (2 per 9 weeks)
4. **Workbook:** Writing and Audio Activities are going to be graded as well as the daily completion of your assignment.
5. **Classwork:** You will be given a full credit if your work is completed during the time frame, otherwise you will get a penalty of 30% for late work.
6. **Extra points** will be awarded for participation, as prizes during in-class activities and for going the extra mile on work.
7. **Student of the Month:** She/he will receive 5 extra points for being a good student and for showing excellent behavior.

**GRADING:**

Quizzes: 25-100 points

Homework: 5-20 points

Projects/Chapter tests: 50-200 points

Class work: 5-100 points

**Classroom materials:**

* One large spiral notebook (3 subject).
* Spanish-English dictionary to leave at home until needed.
* Pencils.
* Blue, black and red pens.
* Color pencils/ markers.
* Scissors, highlighter, pencil sharpener, eraser and 2 large glue sticks.

**To turn in:**

P1 & P2: 1 Bounty paper towel roll.

P4 & R2: 1 Kleenex tissue box

R3 & R4: 1 Duct tape- creative.

**Conference period**: R1 (8-9:20am) or P3 (12:40-2pm). Please schedule a parent conference when it is necessary.

**E-mail**: ncano1@ houstonisd.org

**Tutorials**: I offer tutorials on Tuesday from 7:10- 7:45am.

Lanier website: [**www.purplepups.org**](http://www.purplepups.org) (Please click on my name to check homework assignments)