William Penn HS

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Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s),

Welcome to Spanish I! My name is Katie Strouss and I am looking forward to having your students in Spanish this year. I am thrilled that your students have chosen to take Spanish. In order to start the year right, its necessary that your students are prepared with the following items:

1. 3- ring binder with 5 dividers
2. Writing utensil

I have several daily guidelines that I expect students to follow to achieve success in the classroom:

1. **Be respectful**: Being respectful in the classroom is necessary and I expect every student to be respectful and courteous by **not speaking while others are speaking, staying in their seat during class, and raising their hand when they want to speak**.
2. **Be prompt**: Students should arrive to class on time every day to make the most out of the lesson. Being continuously late will result in academic discipline.
3. **Be prepared**: Students should have all necessary materials and assignments ready at the start of class. If your student has missed class the day before it is their responsibility to make up the work. Any missing work will result in a zero. They have as many days as they were absent to make up the work. I will not accept late work. I do expect students to be studying every night, even if there is no actual homework due.
4. **Be positive**: Learning a second language can be hard, I know! But positivity can change everything in a classroom and I will strive to make this a positive experience if all students keep their minds open.

**Extra credit**: There will be several opportunities a marking period for students to earn extra credit, especially during review days. The definite way to earn points during this time is to be continuously studying throughout the marking period.

**Extra help**: If students need extra help, they should talk to me before or after class to set up some time. I will make myself available for review before and after school closer to testing periods.

**Please refer to my website for absent assignments/journal assignments and quiz and test reminders.** [**www.spanishwithstrouss.weebly.com**](http://www.spanishwithstrouss.weebly.com)

Following these guidelines will provide a safe and comfortable learning environment for all students. I am looking forward to providing opportunities for all students to ask questions, participate in conversation and learn about the language and cultures. I am certain that this will be a wonderful year for your students and me! I look forward to meeting you at the William Penn Open House. Please contact me with any questions or comments, [kstrouss@colonial.k12.de.us](mailto:kstrouss@colonial.k12.de.us) . Thank you!

Ms. Katie Strouss