

September 6, 2019

Dear Parents,

BIENVENIDOS!

I wish to WELCOME you and your children to a brand-new year at The Bridges Academy. My name is Sra. Margie Cambian-Morales (Senora) and I will be one of your child's Foreign Language (Spanish) teachers for the 2019-2020 term.

Learning a language should be an interactive experience for students, of all levels, as often as possible in order to ensure proficiency in the verbal component. Here at Bridges we are fortunate to have the necessary tools to indulge in this type of learning experience. Having the appropriate equipment at our disposition makes these particular courses (Spa. 5th-7th) more exciting and therefore, more productive.

It is my belief that in order to achieve a higher degree of excellence in the classroom, where participation becomes 100% present, the students must be:

- a) familiar with the material taught
- b) comfortable with their teacher and their peers
- c) confident with themselves as well as the language they are learning

Please be reassured that I will do my best to make this year a very special one for all of my students. To re-enforce this statement, I wish to convey to you the certainty that **All** of my classes will be closely monitored by the school's headmaster and dean of students to ensure the quality of my teaching. After all, you are entrusting us with your most precious possession to be guided and molded under the banner of education.

If you should feel the need to contact me at any time throughout this term, you can do so at:

margie.cambian-morales@bridgesli.org

I ENCOURAGE YOU TO DO SO!

I am eager to meet with you.
Until then, *many blessings to you ...*

Sincerely,

MARGIE CAMBIAN-MORALES
FOREIGN LANGUAGES DEPT.
THE BRIDGES ACADEMY

School Supplies List
Spanish Dept.
Sra. Cambian-Morales
Grades 5th - 7th

Qty.	Item
1	1.5” or 2” binder hard cover
1	8ct. dividers
1	binder pencil case
1	black pen
1	red pen
1	pencil
1	highlighter (yellow)
1	<u><i>*Larousse</i></u> Spa. -Eng., Eng.-Spa. Dictionary

*** NOTE: *Dictionary must be a *“Larousse”* brand.

- Students 5th - 7th will use these supplies strictly for their Spanish class. It is a **one-time purchase**. They will be using this binder **AND** its contents throughout their (5th - 8th) course at BRIDGES.

Margie Cambian-Morales
Grades 5th -7th

Homework: 10%

Each assignment is worth 100pts.
1st assignment missed - 5pt. deduction

Participation: 15%

Oral part of class

Quizzes: 25%

Quizzes will be administered (as needed)
Will be used as review sheets for tests and/or final examinations

Tests: 25%

Tests will be administered (as needed)
Will be used as review sheets for final examinations

Declamatory Skills: 25%

Public speaking skills are essential for children to develop at a young age, which enables them to be confident in the future.
Performed weekly

Note: Projects and short reports will be given when necessary and will count as tests.
All work done for this class will be based on 100 points.

Homework Policy
Spanish Dept.
Sra. Margie Cambian-Morales

Grades 5th - 7th

Homework:

Homework is mandatory

Homework could be reading, writing or studying

All homework is worth 100pts.

Any missing assignment will result in a 5pt. deduction

Homework half-way done will receive partial credit

Note: Any assignment executed above the level of expectation will **ALWAYS** receive a higher grade.

POWER SCHOOL - SPANISH COURSES (5TH - 7TH)

Power School is the portal of communication between:

teacher - parent - student

It is ***imperative*** that parent and child visit and monitor this site ... **together** ... daily.
There you will be able to closely monitor the child's work.

SYLLABUS (POSTED DAILY)

ATTENDANCE

HOMEWORK

GRADES

OVER ALL PROGRESS

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at:

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Elementary School
Spanish Dept.
Sra. Margie Cambian-Morales
Grades K – 3rd

Dear Parents,

Spanish in the elementary grades will be an interactive exploration in discovering oral proficiency in a second language. Learning a new language can often be a struggle and sometimes, even a little bit intimidating. In order to eliminate any kind of learning roadblocks, Spanish games and silly songs will be two very important teaching tools that will include crucial aspects such as vocabulary and conversation skills in daily hands-on activities during class. This way, every student can achieve excellence in a worry free and entertaining environment.

In this class all students will be building strong foundations in vocabulary, phrases, and oral conversation through active participation in class. A majority of their work will be done in class and hinges on their approach in being an active participant when completing activities with their fellow classmates. This helps to ensure their comfortability and confidence when applying what they've learned in a social setting. However; the most important aspect when learning a new language is...REPETITION and of course, practice, practice, practice.

All students will be sent home with learning aids weekly, such as flashcards, in order to help them practice and remember what they've learned so far. While they will occasionally be sent home with written activities for homework, their main take-home assignments will be to study their flashcards and practice using that vocabulary in conversation by practicing with you. It is absolutely imperative that you sit down with them and go over these flashcards together every week. Not only will it keep you updated on their progress, but by teaching you what they have learned in class, they will gain maximum retention of the information and positive reaffirmation from you so that they may speak with confidence and enthusiasm.

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Happy Learning!