

The Spanish Page

Homework – The week of May 5. Please note that homework assignments may change as a result of class dynamics. The primary source of accurate information regarding homework assignments will always be your student who has copied down the correct assignment in his or her assignment book.

Grade 8

May 5 - Finish review sheet on tener + que, ir + a, acabar + de and the “new” vocabulary review component.

May 8 - Finish second review sheet on tener + que, ir + a, acabar + de. Study for a quiz on those constructions as well as the “new” vocabulary review.

Grade 7

May 5 - WB p 93 and study for a quiz on possessive adjectives.

May 8 - WB p 92.

Grade 6

May 5 - WB p 46 and study for a quiz on vocabulary. This quiz will ask students to go beyond mere recognition. They will be asked to recall and correctly spell vocabulary. They will be asked to further demonstrate their knowledge of vocabulary by recognizing and using it in context.

May 8 - WB p 47

Grade 5

May 7 – WB p 123

May 8 WB p 125

Grade 4

May 7 – WB p 56 and study for a quiz on saying how “you are going to do something.” (Voy, vas or va + a + what it is you are going to do with the verb in the infinitive form.)

May 9 – WB p 57

Grade 8 has embarked upon a final and comprehensive review. We recently finished examining the verbs ser and estar, subject/verb agreement, number and gender agreement and the definite and indefinite articles. This week we will consider the constructions ir + a + infinitive, tener + que + infinitive, acabar + de + infinitive. We will also revisit vocabulary related to clothing and how to describe a person in terms of hair color, height and so on.

Grade 7 has moved on to the new Spanish book and Chapter 5A. They will use this through Grade 8. They will explore vocabulary related to the family and celebrations. They will learn possessive pronouns and the conjugation of the verb tener.

Grade 6 is working on Chapter 2B. They are learning that the verb estar is used to describe the location of people and things. They are

learning words of location as well as vocabulary that can be used to describe a classroom.

Grade 5 has begun Unit 10, the last chapter in their book. This chapter deals with familial relationship names, possessive adjectives, and the use of the diminutive to express affection or size. My goal is to introduce them, before the end of this year, to the review chapter of the middle school book they will start to use next year.

Grade 4 has begun work on Chapter 4. They are learning the names for various classes and how to talk about what they are going to do. They will also be exposed to conjugation in the present tense.

Grade 3 has been listening to the history of the Inca civilization in Peru. We have started working on material that will be covered in the beginning of their Grade 4 Spanish class. They have done amazing work with the “advanced” workbook pages. We continue to work with writing and spelling the numbers and common phrases.

Grade 2 has been running around the classroom putting dogs on Sr. Barbara’s desk, rabbits in the window, cows on the heads and desks of fellow students and much, much more. We will begin to read the book “Verano” about the summer.

Grade 1 students will return to the Spanish Conversation Café and integrate new words and phrases they have learned. This class will also read “Verano.”

Grade K continues to practice counting from 1-100 in Spanish and reciting the alphabet. We continue to reinforce all that we have learned this year.

The Spanish Club will host an Evening of Magic on Friday, May 23 at 7:00 PM at the PAC. Tickets will be \$1.00 each with no family asked to contribute more than \$5.00. All money collected will go to our charitable donation. Our magician is the famous "Gregory Samuel" a former student and current Bishop Brady student. Spanish Club member (in good standing) will sell the tickets at the door, be gracious ushers, emcee the show as well as provide the magnificent Mr. Samuel with willing volunteers. The Spanish Club will also raffle off a book of magic. Raffle tickets will be 50 cents each. We will have one or two very short rehearsals. Information will be provided after the spring vacation. At our last bake sale the Club raised the amazing amount of \$369.12. Off the top of my head, that means we have raised about \$600 for our charity. Thank you so much to all the families, children and staff for their generosity. The next meeting of the Club will be on May 13. Students will deliver their country reports; we'll wrap up plans for the magic show and then just relax for a bit with each other.

The Spanish Study Groups continue to meet Monday – Friday. We meet at 7:30 AM in the cafeteria. Grade 4 is on Monday, Grade 5 is on Tuesday, Grade 6 is on Wednesday, Grade 7 is on Thursday and Grade 8 is on Friday. It is very important for your student to sign up. The sheet is accessible and each student passes by it at least twice a day. As a courtesy to myself and to help your

student embrace responsibility, I do want to impress the importance of this requirement.