

World Languages Course Information 2015-2016
Riverdale Elementary School
Mrs. Corrie Martin

TEXTS: (to be kept in classroom)

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

World Languages is a course designed to prepare students for successfully fulfilling high-school foreign language requirements. The course will assist students in acquiring strategies for language learning, as well as expose students to introductory vocabulary in Spanish, French, Latin, and German. Culture studies will include history, geography, arts, and the relevance of the romance languages in our world today. Following completion of the course, students will be able to make an informed decision about which language to pursue in high school and understand how that language connects to English.

COURSE STRUCTURE:

Quarter 1: Latin, Quarter 2: Spanish, Quarter 3: German, Quarter 4: French

MATERIALS: Students should bring the following items to class daily and have them ready-to-use when class begins:

*Spiral notebook, folder with notebook paper, pen/pencil, ear buds, *flash- drive recommended*

GRADING:

Points will be assigned for homework, classwork, quizzes, tests, and projects.

Quizzes will be based on vocabulary. Tests will be based on vocabulary and culture lessons. Each quarter, there will be 3 projects based on culture. For French, Spanish, and German, one of those projects will involve researching and preparing a traditional recipe to share with the class. An alternate project may be assigned if desired.

THERE WILL BE NO EXTRA CREDIT. Depending on the circumstances, students may have the opportunity to retake or redo homework/classwork/quizzes to gain a better understanding of the material and to improve on any initial low scores.

TECHNOLOGY:

Technology will play a large role in our study of foreign languages and cultures. We will be using laptops in class to conduct research and create projects, take assessments, complete classwork, and collaborate with students around the world. My website (<http://cmartinresgmsd.weebly.com/world-languages.html>) and Schoology page (more information coming soon) will be a helpful resource for students in this class. If your child does not have internet access or a computer at home and would like to have computer time outside of class, please contact me to make arrangements.

MAKE-UP WORK:

It is **the student's** responsibility to contact the teacher for any assignments missed due to absence. Students have one day to make up missed work for every day of absence. Missed tests will be made up before school (7:30 AM).

Please feel free to contact me anytime: corrinne.martin@gmsdk12.org

Please sign signifying that you and your child have read and understand the expectations for this course.

Student Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Email: _____

Student Signature: _____

Important Information the Teacher Should Know: _____
