

Español con la Señora Kennedy: 3rd-5th Grade Syllabus

¡Bienvenidos a mi clase de español! I am Señora Kennedy, and I am excited to begin my second year here at UDA. I'm very happy to announce that this year *all* grades at UDA will have Spanish twice a week!

What will we learn in Spanish?

Think about the way you learned your first language. First you heard it, and then you began speaking in words and short sentences. When you were a little older, you started to recognize letters and read words. Eventually, you learned to write. We learn a new language in the same way. We will focus on oral language first, and gradually introduce structured writing throughout the grades.

How can I be successful in Spanish class?

Here are 3 important things to remember:

- It takes lots of time to learn a foreign language!** If the only time you hear and use Spanish is in our classroom, you will probably progress slowly. If you practice outside the classroom, you'll learn faster. It takes time and practice to get better at anything!
- Everyone starts at a different place.** For some students, this is their first Spanish class. Some students have learned a little bit in previous years. Others speak Spanish at home, but don't have much practice reading and writing in Spanish. Some students have been reading and writing in Spanish for years! We are all learning together, so don't be discouraged if someone else can do something you can't yet.
- Everyone learns in their own way.** I will work hard to help you find the way that helps you learn best, and how we can use that to help you learn Spanish.

Do I need any supplies?



Each student will get a **2 pocket folder with 3 fasteners** to keep Spanish papers in. If you have one at home that you would like to use, you can bring that, but I will also have folders available. It is important to put any papers I give you in this folder, since we will have many resources that we will keep using. **Please leave this folder in its designated place at school, and do not bring it home with you until the end of the year.**

What grades will I get in Spanish?

Your report card will have two categories – Participation and Language Use. Here at UDA, we grade from 1 to 4, with 3 meaning you are right where you should be for your grade. Don't worry if you don't get a 4 yet, especially on language use. How you participate is all up to you! How well you can use the Spanish language will depend on how much you practice, but will also depend on where you started and how quickly you learn a language.

	Participation <i>Have I participated in class and tried my best?</i>	Language use <i>Can I use the Spanish we have learned in class?</i>
1 (Emerging)	I reluctantly participate in some activities, but I am frequently off task.	I haven't demonstrated that I can use the language from class, and I need a lot more practice.
2 (Developing)	I participate in class, with some reminders to stay on task.	I can complete many language tasks from class. I might need some practice to correct some errors.
3 (Proficient)	I participate in all class activities enthusiastically!	I can use the language I learned in class this year!
4 (Exemplary)	My participation is exemplary! No behavior reminders needed.	I can take what we learned in class and extend it beyond the classroom, and learn more on my own!

Contact me:

Please contact me at any time if you have questions or concerns! I will also have lots of resources on my class website, which is available through UDA's site.

- **Email:** skennedy@urbandiscoveryacademy.com
- **Phone:** Please call the office to leave a message for me
- **Class website:** urbansd.com (Click my name!)