

While Spanish is a fun and exciting class, it requires a substantial amount of work outside of the classroom. To better assist your Spanish learner you can:

1. **Know what is coming up!** I give students a chapter outline on the first day of every unit with the grammar topics, vocabulary themes, and a list of all upcoming assessments. Be sure to know when your student has a quiz or test so that you can help them review (or remind them to study ☺). I use my twitter account, www.twitter.com/ProfeBajorek, to tweet out homework assignments and pictures of notes. SPANISH 2: You or your student can also sign up for homework text reminders through Remind101 at www.remind.com/join/esp2baj.
2. **Make sure your child is doing the work!** Your student will have homework EVERY night (if it is not a written assignment, they should be working on the unit's "cuadrícula," which is due the day of the test). It is crucial that students do their homework daily because it allows them to practice the concepts we learn in class. Practicing those concepts prepares them for tests and quizzes, which means better grades. Remember you can keep track of assignments and grades online through PowerSchool Home Base—contact the office if you need your log-in information.
3. **Help your child study!** Everyone learns differently, and because of this, your child needs to figure out the best way for him/her to learn. We will make flashcards of vocabulary words as a homework assignment that can be used for future practice. Some students learn better by writing out the words several times; I suggest five to eight. Some students learn better by saying the words repeatedly until they know them. You can help by quizzing your student verbally or in a written format, or your child can quiz himself by writing down the English meanings, then trying to fill in the Spanish. Quizlet (www.quizlet.com or the app) is also available for use. It allows students to play games, hear, and do other practice activities with vocabulary.

I have high expectations for my students, but I know that each one is capable if they put in the time and effort. If your child needs additional help, I am available on Thursday afternoons (depending on meetings) and by appointment. I can also arrange for peer tutoring if that is preferable.

Please feel free to email me with any questions at lbajorek@wcpss.net

Sinceramente,

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