



# ¡BIENVENIDO A LA CLASE DE ESPAÑOL!

August 29, 2017

Dear students and families,

Welcome to Spanish 1! My name is Kristen Cross and I will be your child's Spanish teacher this school year. I'm excited to get to know both you and your child and work towards making this year informative and productive.

Learning a foreign language is now, more than ever, an essential part of your child's educational career. Not only is successfully completing a foreign language component a requirement here at Wachusett, it will also provide your child with the linguistic skills that are necessary for achieving at college and in the real world. Learning a second language is not just about memorizing vocabulary and verbs, it is about expanding your child's cultural horizons, improving their communication skills, and helping them to better understand their own language.

Students learn best by applying the material, not just taking notes on it. Thus, my goal is for my students to become engaged in the material through active learning. I want my students to gain a practical knowledge of the language. It is not essential that they know all the vocabulary for every situation, or to speak without grammatical errors; what is important is that they are familiar enough with the culture and language to be able to communicate effectively with others.

This year, students will be learning the fundamentals of the Spanish language – from basic vocabulary and verbs to Hispanic culture. These topics will not only help your child become prepared for future language courses, but will also, hopefully, give them an appreciation of other cultures.

I believe that all students are capable of learning a foreign language, and I will work diligently to ensure that all students are able to achieve success in my classroom. If you feel that your child is becoming overwhelmed with the assignments or language, please let me know.

**Please note that a calendar of due dates and assignments, along with additional copies of worksheets, vocabulary and handouts is available at [www.cuadernospanol.com](http://www.cuadernospanol.com).** Students will also be accessing the class **Google Classroom** site to complete various assignments, see announcements, and access resources.

Please review, complete, and have your child return the syllabus contract sheet. Because Wachusett Regional is going as paperless as possible, you will need to access the **course syllabus** to review along with your child online at [www.cuadernospanol.com/syllabus](http://www.cuadernospanol.com/syllabus). If you do not have internet access please have your child ask me for a paper copy. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached by email at [Kristen\\_Cross@wrsd.net](mailto:Kristen_Cross@wrsd.net).

Thank you, and once again, I welcome both you and your child to Spanish 1.

Sincerely,

Kristen Cross