

8TH-GRADE REQUIRED SPANISH SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

To My New 8th-Graders:

¡Hola! I hope your "verano" is going swimmingly :)

As discussed at the end of the school year, I would like you to keep up with your Spanish acquisition over the summer by **Doing Your Duolingo!!!**

It's easy! Just **log into the account** that you made already in Señorita Smith's class, and earn a minimum of 50 points EACH WEEK during the summer. This comes out to be a minimum of 500 points for the summer, with approximately 10 weeks of summer.

The points should be spaced out and not done all at once, in order to keep continuity of learning. Also, you need to vary the topics, and NOT do the same lesson over and over again (you will not receive credit if a lesson is done more than three times).

If you do not have access to a computer/smartphone (you can download the duolingo app to your phone) for a week or so, say if you go away on vacation, then you should incorporate the missed sessions into the other weeks of the summer. But POR FAVOR, as stated above, do not do them all at once! Your brain needs a slow and steady pace to incorporate a new language into lasting memory.

These 500 points are a MINIMUM. Feel free to do more!! Also, feel free to seek out Spanish learning in other ways -- watch some Spanish television or a movie in Spanish, for example...or my personal favorite, listen to some música en español! Every 1st and 3rd Sunday from 6-9pm on WOMR, Cape Cod's community radio, I spin World Music tunes, and many of them are in Spanish. You can tune in on the radio at 92.1fm (Lower to Mid-Cape), 91.3fm (Mid to Upper-Cape), or online at womr.org.

If you do anything "extra," you will receive extra credit for it! Just make sure you write down what you did, get a parent's signature on it, and hand it into me on a piece of paper at the beginning of the school year.

Whatever you do, keep your ears and eyes open for Spanish. It is all around us! Have a great vacation; hasta septiembre!!

Señora H. (Sandra Hemeon-McMahon)