

Extra Credit

During each term there will be 2 extra credit periods. The first extra credit period ends at midterm and the second, 3 days before the end of the term. You can earn a maximum of 30 pts. per period. Don't wait until the day before the term ends to try to bring your grade up by doing a bunch of extra credit - it won't work. When you turn in extra credit - attach a yellow information sheet stating what you did, how long you spent and why you deserve extra credit. The forms are available by the turn-in boxes. Attach the form to whatever you are handing in and put it in the regular turn-in box. Try to do some different things each time you do extra credit.

Here are some ideas (these are just suggestions - if you have another idea - check with me.)

Check out a Spanish CD -listen to it and write down any words you understand - or if it has the words translate them or translate the titles. Look up the lyrics on the internet, translate them.

Listen to music in Spanish – look up the words and write down new things you learn.

Watch TV in Spanish, write down interesting new words you learn.

Memorize a proverb or quote in Spanish. Come in and quote it to me. Explain the meaning.

Translate (and memorize) a poem (books are on the shelves in the back of the room).

Write a letter in Spanish (to a real person or to a fake pen pal).

Send me e-mail in Spanish (ktaylor@alpinedistrict.org)

Participate in Spanish club activities

Translate culture notes from the textbook

Watch a movie in Spanish either with the soundtrack or subtitles or both - write down words you know or learn and the translation

Read a book in Spanish - including comic books and children's books - many are available in the Media Center or in my room. write down words you know or learn and the translation.

Choose a favorite activity (hobby, talent, interest etc.) and look up or find 10 to 20 new words related to that activity - memorize the words and then write some good sentences using your new vocabulary. Example: Soccer - ball, field, referee, mud, whistle, time-out, halftime, overtime, penalty kick, corner kick, goalie, etc.

Choose a favorite activity and look up an article on Wikipedia and then using the menu along the left side of the screen – click on Español and look at the Spanish article about that item. Write down words you know or learn and any additional information you learn in Spanish.

Talk to a native or fluent speaker of Spanish for an extended period of time (more than just “Hello, I like tacos.”) Talk to them about yourself, family, school, likes, etc. Write how long you talked - what words you used - what words you wish you would have known, etc.

Internet - look up information about a Spanish topic and write either a personal opinion or a response

Find a recipe and make a culturally authentic dish to share with the class - you must share some cultural information - beyond just “they eat this in Mexico”

Spirit Points:

Throughout the term opportunities will arise to earn additional extra points, such as extra projects, attendance at cultural or school events, class presentations, etc. I will keep a list of possible items on the board or you may clear an activity with me in advance.