

# Benvenuti nella classe d'italiano!

Welcome! I am looking forward to a wonderful year with you as we explore the Italian language and culture. I am starting my fourth year teaching Italian at Mayfield High School. Before coming to Mayfield, I taught Italian for five years in Columbus. I received my B.A. in Italian from Vassar College, then I earned my M.A. in Italian and M.Ed. in Foreign and Second Language Education, both from The Ohio State University. I am extremely passionate about Italian language and culture, including (especially!) the food and the art, and I can't wait to see what you find most fascinating.

Here is a little bit about what you can expect in this class, and what I expect from you.

1. **Class rules:** everything can be boiled down to
  - a. Siamo puntuali e presenti! (Be prompt and present!)
    - i. Be on time to class.
    - ii. Stay in class. Each student will receive two hall passes per quarter (except for emergencies).
  - b. Siamo preparati! (Be prepared!)
    - i. Come to class every day with your class materials and something to write with.
    - ii. Be prepared to participate in all class activities and discussions.
  - c. Siamo piacevoli! (Be polite!)
    - i. Let others talk without interrupting or talking over them.
    - ii. Focus only on Italian in Italian class. If you finish your work early, choose a task from the “*Ho finito* cup” and work quietly on it.
2. **Your binder:** You must have a **3-ring binder** dedicated exclusively to Italian.
  - a. Bring this binder with you every day. It would be a good idea to purchase a **small hole punch** to keep in your binder, as you will be getting lots of handouts. WE DO NOT HAVE A TEXTBOOK, so the materials you receive in class will *become* your book.
  - b. You will need at least **four dividers** for your binder.
  - c. You will also need a **separate folder** that you can keep in your binder and add papers to to create a “Resource Book” of the information we learn throughout the year.
3. **Flashcards:** You will be required to make vocabulary flashcards for almost all of the vocabulary that we learn. Consider stocking up on **index cards**, maybe the kind on a ring or a spiral binder.
4. **Keep everything!** You should still have all of your notes from last year. Keep them accessible, so that you can refer to them when you need to. Keep everything you get this year for future help!
5. **Absences:** It is **your** responsibility to make up any and all work that you missed during an absence. I will not come to you. Tests and quizzes must be made up on your own time (during study hall, before or after school), not during class.
6. **Contact me:** Please feel free to come see me at any time with any questions or concerns you have, before or after school, during a study hall if possible, or via email: [arolf@mayfieldschools.org](mailto:arolf@mayfieldschools.org).

Buon lavoro!

Signora Rolf