Bonjour et bienvenu au cours de Français. I am really looking forward to spending this year with you as we explore the French language and culture. We will be using a variety of learning methods to acquire basic language skills: cooperative group activities, TPRS (Teaching Proficiency Through Reading and Storytelling), discussion, written practice, games, songs, projects, movies etc…

**Français I, II**

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Objectives

**At the completion of this course, students are expected to be able to**

* Communicate in French orally and in writing about everyday situations such as school, food, time, weather, etc
* Comprehend both written and spoken language about everyday situations such as school, food, time, weather, etc
* Demonstrate a basic understanding of French spelling, pronunciation, and basic French grammar;
* Show some knowledge of the francophone world and of French geography, history, and daily life
* Illustrate similarities and differences between the French and American cultures.

You will be evaluated on the following

1. Student participation
2. Homework assignments
3. Quizzes
4. Tests
5. Written/verbal projects and presentations

**Classroom Procedures**

**and Expectations**

**Absences:** Students are responsible for make-up work—due two days after an absence. The missing work will be posted daily on the class website and in the classroom. Most assignments and/or handouts will be available online, but please check with me if they are not available.

**Homework:** Daily homework assignments will be recorded on a “DEVOIRS” (homework) sheet. Each assignment will be worth 5-10 points and will be represented by a stamp on the sheet. DO NOT LOSE THE DEVOIRS SHEET!! Many assignments are graded on effort and completion, therefore any incomplete assignment will result in a zero

**Participation:** A large part of learning a new language is conversing in the language. Your progress in French is directly linked to your level of participation. Participation points are given/taken daily.

School Grading Scale

A 90-100%

B 80-89%

C 70-79%

D 60-69%



1. Come to class…EVERYDAY! There is a direct link between your attendance and your success—interacting in the language every day is very important
2. Study every day for at least 15 minutes.
3. Immerse yourself in the language: movies, music, French TV, journals. This exposure is fun AND will help you in many ways. See me for ideas!
4. Practice, practice, practice.



What can I do to succeed in class?

Materials needed for class:

* pen or pencil
* 3 ring binder with dividers
* a compositon notebook
* a positive attitude!

I have read the syllabus for French Class and I understand Madame VanDam’s expectations of me, the requirements of the course, and the objectives.

Student signature

Parent signature

**Language is not acquired overnight. It takes practice and time—a gradual process. Mistakes are expected! Be brave and push yourself to speak as much French as you can!**

Learning a new language and culture are both very rewarding and exciting accomplishments. We will have a fun and productive year in French if everyone is prepared, makes a genuine effort, and respects the teachers as well as classmates.



**How can I help my child succeed in French?**

* Have them come to class every day.
* Encourage him/her to ask questions in class.
* Offer to quiz them
* Listen to them speak…praise them when they do!
* See that they complete their homework
* Contact me anytime for any reason regarding your child.
* Visit the class website frequently