**Bienvenue à la Classe de Français!**

**Instructor:** Madame Moates

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**Materials to bring each day**

1. Pocket folder

2. One-subject spiral notebook

3. Textbook

4. Workbook

5. **Sharpened** pencil with eraser

**Classroom expectations**

Come to class with required materials.

Be in your seat and begin work when class begins.

Listen when others are talking.

Participate!

**Grading**

You will be graded on:

* Daily homework.\*
* Quizzes, both usually announced, over vocabulary, grammar and culture.
* Unit tests
* In-class activities
* Active participation\*

\***Participation**

Speaking is an important part of learning a foreign language, (along with listening, reading and writing). Raise your hand often, even if you are not sure you are right! You will get maximum participation points this way, but more importantly, you will practice your spoken French!

\***Homework**

Because one cannot learn French in just 40 minutes a day, you can expect 15-25 minutes of homework most days. This will include worksheets and vocabulary practice. Family worksheets, which are done together with a parent, **must** have a parent signature at the bottom to get credit.

Homework is checked for completion and effort and includes being able to translate any sentence into English. Because we usually go over homework answers in class, there is no credit for late homework. It is important to keep up with homework since vocabulary and grammar skills build on previously learned material.

If you have been absent because of an appointment, you are expected to consult the syllabus and come back with that day’s homework completed, or ready to take a quiz if that is on the syllabus. If you have been ill, you have one day for each day you were gone to makeup the work you missed. Makeup quizzes can be done after school, during study hall or during lunch.

**Extra Credit**

Most quizzes and tests will have some bonus options. You may also earn bonus points one time per semester as long as all homework has been completed. You may choose a francophone (French-speaking) country or region and choose a topic that interests you to research, using sources of your choice: books, Internet, magazines, DVD’s, or CD’s. All sources must be listed. Extra credit will be given upon completion of a written summary of your research. Your essay must be organized using an Introduction, Body, Conclusion format. 7th grade students may do 1-2 page reports, while 8th grade students are expected to do reports of a minimum of 2 pages.

**Website Information**

The syllabus for each lesson will be posted on the school homework website. Occasionally the homework assignment will deviate from the syllabus; students will be responsible to note any changes during class and complete them as assigned. Class projects and Unit reviews between chapters will not be listed on the chapter syllabi.

Our textbook, “Discovering French Today” has a wide range of online components at **my.hrw.com.** These include the entire text, (handy when you have forgotten to bring your book home!), supplemental vocabulary, grammar and listening practice exercises and cultural videos. You will be given instructions and a username and password in class to allow you access to the online components. The instructions will also be posted on the class website.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this information. By signing, you agree that you understand the expectations of our class. Thank you!

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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