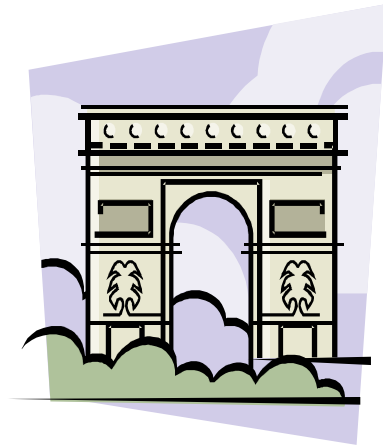


Français 2
08-09
Monsieur HEDGE

Bienvenue ! As you probably discovered in French 1, learning a new language is very exciting and can be very fun, but it also requires a lot of hard work and dedication. You have already learned many basic concepts, and this year you will learn more tenses and vocabulary, and use the French you've learned in more complex structures. Learning French is like painting a picture or playing a musical instrument or sport; it takes daily practice to be good at it. In French 2 daily practice is essential because the material and concepts will be more difficult than they were in French 1. This information sheet will outline the goals and expectations for this year, explain how you will be evaluated, and offer some tips on being a successful language learner. **BON COURAGE !**



Text: *Discovering French, blanc,* and accompanying *cahier de travaux pratiques* (CTP)

Goals :

- Level appropriate ability to COMMUNICATE in French and development of the four basic skills: speaking, writing, listening, and reading.
- Mastery of basic grammatical structures and vocabulary.
- Intermediate knowledge of Francophone culture.

General requirements for students:

- Be prepared for class every day with your text, paper, pencil/pen, and any other assignments/materials requested. Detentions are issued if you don't have a writing utensil, paper, or book.
- **Actively** participate every day. Use French when possible.
- Be willing to take risks and understand that you will make mistakes in French...it's part of learning a language.
- Take ownership of your learning and strive to consistently produce high-quality work.

Classroom behavioral expectations:

- Be respectful of other students, the teacher, and yourself.
- Be in your seat ready to work when the bell rings...You are responsible for being ready to work even if I am not. Raise your hand to participate.
- No food, drink (except water), or gum during class.
- Work for other classes is not to be done during French class.**
- NO electronic devices of any kind are permitted during class.*

Assessment: A point system will be used to determine grades. Points vary greatly depending on the specific assignment, but the following generally apply:

- Tests/projects 50-100 points
- Quizzes 20-50 points
- Quizlettes 5-10 points
- Daily work 5-25 points
- Homework 5-10 points
- Monday quizzes 10 points

Tests: There will be a test given after the completion of unit. Each of these tests will evaluate your speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills. Remember, that although these tests will specifically focus on one unit, previously learned material will be essential and will also be evaluated.

Quizzes: You can expect many small announced (and unannounced—quizlettes) quizzes throughout the year. Quizzes are meant to help you gauge your mastery of specific elements **before** a test.

Citoyen(ne) de la semaine/ Citizen of the week: Each week one student will be responsible for doing the class warm-up. They will inform us of the day and date, give a weather report, and review the weekly irregular verb.

Monday Quizlettes: The first 10 minutes every Monday will be dedicated to a 10 point quizlette. The quizzes are dictated and focus on your *verbes par Coeur*

Daily Work: We will do a variety of activities in class, the majority of which require your active participation. You cannot learn a language listening to someone lecture about it; the learner must be an active participant. Expect skits, in-class writing and reading activities, pair and group work, internet activities and more.

Homework: Homework is meant to help you practice at home so that you will be able to participate in the in-class activities. Although it is assigned regularly, it is only occasionally collected and graded.

Participation: Every student's active participation is essential to the overall success of the class. In order to maximize your participation points, say it in French **FIRST**, even if it's difficult for you. Be prepared, the class will be mostly conducted in French.

Make-up Work: In accordance with school policy, you will have a **maximum** of five days after an **excused** absence to make-up the work you missed. It is your responsibility to see me about what you missed and make an appointment to make it up. **Please note that if you make an appointment and fail to keep it, you will automatically receive a zero on the assignment.**

Extra Credit: Weekly extra credit is posted on my web site. Extra credit questions are worth 2 points per week. You must answer in French and with a complete sentence.

EXTRA HELP: If you ever need extra help, please let me know, I'm happy to help you. BUT, don't procrastinate...I can't adequately help you the morning of a quiz or a test! If you're having trouble, let me know right away.

****French class is not the time to try to finish your homework for other classes. In my eyes, doing Geometry when we're working on something in French is the about most disrespectful thing you can do in my class. My policy is:**

1. I confiscate the work and hand it in to the appropriate teacher myself (at my convenience).

In the unlikely event that you have free time at the end of a period, you are allowed to work on other things.

CELL PHONE POLICY: Nobody loves their cell phone more than I do, but these important tools can cause problems in the school setting. You will never need to use your cell phone in French class. There is a clock on the wall to tell the time. I have calculators if you need to figure out a percent. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONE BEFORE COMING IN THE CLASSROOM. IF YOU LEAVE MY ROOM, YOUR PHONE STAYS WITH ME.** Consider this your warning. If the cell phone goes off (or you are caught using it):

1st time: Your cell phone goes to Mr. Truett; you go to the bench. Your parents come to get the phone from Mr. Truett.

2nd time: Your cell phone stays with me; you go to the bench. Your parents and you come get your cell phone from **ME** (and we all chat about your cell phone dependency ☺)

A note about "running out before the bell"...

If you come in and put your stuff down and leave you MUST be back in the room before the bell rings, unless you have permission from me. Having your possessions on your desk does not constitute your presence!

