

FR 3
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Bienvenue au 3^e niveau de français!

Congratulations! You have completed the first two years of French study and have learned the basic structures of the language. It's true that in French 3 you will learn several new verb tenses, but the good news is that they all build on what you've already learned! French 3 is where the fun starts: you will start to use the language in a more complex manner for meaningful communication and will begin to look more deeply into Francophone culture. It will still take a lot of hard work and dedication (and daily practice), but the payoff is worth it.

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

Goals :

- Continued development of reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills at an intermediate level and using a variety of registers.
- Advanced knowledge of Francophone culture.

General requirements for students:

- Be prepared for class everyday. Detentions are issued if you don't have a writing utensil, paper, or your book.
- **Actively** participate everyday using FRENCH.
- Take ownership of your learning and strive to consistently produce high-quality work.
- Be open to taking risks in French and understand you will make mistakes...it's part of learning a language.

Classroom behavioral expectations:

- Be respectful of other students, the teacher, and yourself.
- NO electronic devices of any kind are permitted during class*
- Work for other classes is not to be done during French class**

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

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

Tests: Test will be given regularly throughout the year. Each of these tests will evaluate your speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills. Remember, that although these tests will specifically focus on one chapter, previously learned material will be essential and will also be evaluated.

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

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.

Citoyen(ne) de la semaine: Each week a student will be assigned to do the preliminary warm-up of the class. The student will tell us the day and date, give a weather report, and review the weekly idiom or 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*.

Participation: Every student's active participation is essential to the overall success of the class. Because this is 3rd year, I expect that you will speak as much French as possible. In order to maximize your participation, 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 a posted on my web site. Extra credit questions are worth 2 points per week. You must answer in French and with a complete sentence.

****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 ☺)

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.

AMUSONS-NOUS BIEN CETTE ANNÉE!!!!