



Introduction to Middle School French

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Bonjour et Bienvenue!

In this half-year intro course to French, we will learn vocabulary and grammar to understand the basics of *le français* using the four modes of communication: listening, writing, reading and speaking. In addition, we will explore bits of history, culture and the places of the French-speaking world.

For our class, we will work on two units to develop our *interpersonal, interpretive* and *presentational* skills to show our understanding of *le français*.

Unit 1

Interpersonal Skills

-Greeting others, giving commands, asking questions, using numbers for age, dates and time ...

Interpretive Skills:

-Describing ourselves, others, our surroundings/classroom and different places...

Presentational Skills:

-Engaging in authentic conversation, creating dialogue, presenting projects, performing skits using the skills practiced above.

Unit 2

Interpersonal Skills

-Sharing what we like and dislike, describing and offering directions to different places...

Interpretive Skills:

-Agreeing and disagreeing about our likes/dislikes, comparing and contrasting people and places...

Presentational Skills:

-Engaging in authentic conversation, creating dialogue, presenting projects, performing skits using the skills practiced above.

Supplies

- Your CHARGED laptop
- Working writing utensil
- Binder OR notebook
- Folder (or pockets in binder)
- Assignments/materials needed that day for class



Grading

PRIMARY ASSESSMENTS (50%):
tests, presentations, projects, etc.

SECONDARY ASSESSMENTS (35%):
quizzes, participation, class activities dialogues etc.

SUPPORTIVE ASSESSMENTS (15%)
Homework, preparedness, adhering to Classroom Expectations (below)

Classroom Expectations

1. **Be prepared.** Having the supplies you need and your assignments completed will allow for you to gain confidence, become organized and learn best.
2. **Try your best.** Learning a new language can be *difficile* and sometimes intimidating. But, your hard work will pay off and new doors of opportunity will start to open if you have an open mind and embrace what you are learning.
3. **Be respectful.** We all learn differently and we all have strengths and weaknesses. Be tolerant of how others learn, use your strengths to help others not belittle them and know it is okay to make mistakes so long as we learn from them.
4. **Have fun!** A positive attitude and open-mind are necessary in all kinds of learning, especially when learning a new language. Laugh at your silly accent, be overly dramatic in your dialogue, create a skit/movie/story *en français*, having fun along the way!



“One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way.” -Frank Smith