

Bienvenue dans ma classe de français 4ème! Voici quelques règles et procédures pour faciliter votre apprentissage de français:

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND GOALS: This course is Part 2 of a two-part sequence, which you started in 7th grade. There is a final exam in June, consisting of an aural test and a separate written test, which will encompass all you have learned in 7th and 8th grade. This is a core course, and your final grade this year (average of the 4 quarters and your final exam) will go onto your high school transcript. We will continue working on learning strategies, dictionary skills, reading and decoding French, pronunciation, listening and writing skills. Topics this year will include: sports, clothes, daily routine, health, cultural pastimes, hotel, banking and Paris! Grammar points include: adjective agreement, comparisons, and superlatives, reflexive verbs, past tense, direct and indirect object pronouns and some new irregular verbs. In essence, I want you to be able to communicate in French in multiple tenses!

I. STUDENT BEHAVIOR AND EXPECTATIONS

- A. Arrive at class on time, acknowledge the teacher in the French manner, sit down quietly in your assigned seat, put your homework on your desk so I can check it and start “le début”
- B. Bring required materials and take notes when necessary
- C. Be attentive, participate positively in class discussions and speak French
- D. Do your homework assignment to the best of your ability - feel free to work with a partner.

II. CLASS PREPARATION

A. Materials used for this class

Bring to class everyday:

Binder with dividers, assignment pad, your aide-mémoire, a pencil case with pens, pencils, a highlighter, and a colored pen (red, green or purple) for corrections.

At home, you will be using:

French/English dictionary, your aide-mémoire, your textbook, Quizlet, your flashcards, the podcasts, the QUIA website and other links available from my School-Wires site.

B. Assignments

Repetition and practice are key to learning a foreign language – it is similar to the practice you do for music or sports. Therefore, homework will be given every night in different forms. The assignment will be given in class, written on the whiteboard, and posted on my School-Wires site. Homework is practice to anchor your understanding of class-work,

so you will NOT lose points for making mistakes. However, you must try to do your best. Make certain you understand the assignment before leaving class. If you have any questions, come talk to me, check the School-Wires, check your textbook or notes, or ask a fellow classmate. *I do check homework everyday.* If you are not able to complete the homework by the due date, you will be given 2 days to come in and do it with Madame either before or after school. My homework generally does not exceed 15 mn/night. Note: You will start the quarter with 100 points for your homework grade. Each given assignment is worth 5 points, so if you do all your assignments, you will get an A+ for homework. Late assignments will lose 2 points. Assignments that are not completed within 2 days after the due date will lose 5 points.

III. CLASS PARTICIPATION

Students are encouraged to raise their hands to answer and to participate as much as possible to class discussions. Our time is limited to speak the language therefore we must make the most of it in the little time we have. Students should demonstrate the common courtesy of listening attentively while others are speaking. Once we learn a word in French, I expect you to use that word in class (i.e. FORGET your anglais). Franglais is a great way to learn French, so we will do a lot of this! During group work, each participant in the group must be involved, on-task, and speaking French whenever possible.

IV. ATTENDANCE/ABSENCE POLICY

- A. Following a short absence, class work and tests must be made up within five school days. Missed tests or quizzes will be made up after school. For extended absences, students should meet with me to go over missed material and set a calendar for due dates.
- B. I announce tests and quizzes in advance, and post them on my School-Wires. Therefore, I will expect all students to take the test/quiz on the announced day, *even if they are absent the day before.*

V. EXTRA-HELP POLICY

I am available for extra help Tuesday through Friday before and after school (T109). Drop in anytime!!

VI. GRADING POLICY

The key points in learning a language are listening comprehension, reading comprehension, writing and speaking. These will be assessed using the following methods:

Tests (25%), Quizzes (25%), Projects (12.5%), Dialogues/ Oral presentations/ Pronunciation (12.5%), Homework (12.5%), and Class participation (12.5%).

Speaking another language is such an asset in today's global world. You are so lucky to be given the opportunity. Amusons-nous ensemble! Une bonne année scolaire à tous!