

WHAT TO EXPECT: FRENCH CLASS

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**I studied French
for four years but
I don't remember
any of it!**”

Your child should be able to speak French **better** each year that they continue learning the language. This class is the first step in a lifetime of learning. Fluency does not happen overnight!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

» **Be a student:** Ask your child to share with you in French what we are doing in class.

» **Practice curiosity:** Ask English Language Learners that you meet to share their stories with you!

The **INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS** that we use in class are proven to be effective based on Second Language Acquisition research from the last four decades.

“We acquire language when we understand messages; when we understand what people tell us and when we understand what we read.”

—*Dr. Stephen Krashen*

COURSE RESOURCES:

- ✓ stories
- ✓ songs
- ✓ film
- ✓ articles
- ✓ art
- ✓ legends
- ✓ history

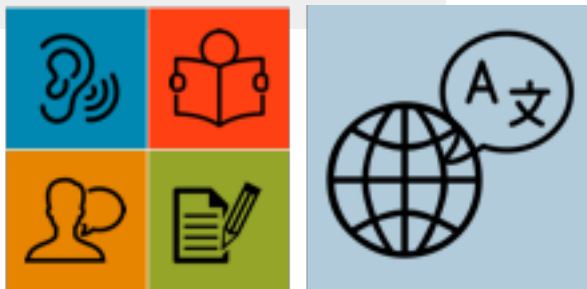
YOUR CHILD WILL:

- read in French
- listen in French
- respond as able using signals at first, then words in French, then phrases

YOUR CHILD WILL NOT:

- memorize vocabulary lists
- practice verb conjugations
- learn about French in English

Proficient learners can communicate about something appropriately and accurately for a purpose.



PROFICIENCY IS THE GOAL

All four modalities: We listen, read, write, and speak in French.

Language and culture: We use the language to explore our cultures, French-speaking cultures, world cultures, and ancient cultures.

Real world preparation: We use useful language in the class so that we are prepared to communicate in the real world.

Student centered: We center our interactions on what each student needs, knows, and can do now and what each student needs in order to move forward.

