Salut tlm. Welcome to the French class 1-2. Merci for making the wonderful decision to learn another language. By taking this class you will not only learn the fundamentals of the French language, but you will also be introduced to many different cultures. Learning multiple languages and learning about different cultures will prepare each and every one of you to become a wonderful world citizen.

**Course prerequisite:** There is no prerequisite for this level 1 French course.

**Course description:** The level one students acquire functional vocabulary relative to daily life. They learn to comprehend written and spoken language and develop and ability to speak and write simple sentences in the target language. Cultural awareness is promoted through reading, video, and projects. Active participation in the target language is necessary.

**Topics covered in this course:**

**Intro Unit**- Language basics: alphabet, numbers, greetings, telling time, the calendar, seasons.

**Unit 1**- Self and Friends. Students will learn how to describe things and talk about friends. Students will learn basic verbs.

**Unit 2**- Pastimes. Students will be able to speak of activities and use preferences when speaking of them.

**Unit 3**- Families. Students will be able to describe and introduce family members. Students will learn necessary vocabulary to speak of their home.

**Unit 4**- Food. Students will acquire the ability to order and shop for food in a francophone country. They will learn differences in food culture.

**Unit 5**- Clothes and art. Students will speak of clothes, color, and art more in depth.

Students will be expected to:

- Maintain a basic conversation.
- Understand authentic inputs such as a video or information from native speakers.
- Read and write basic text with a prompt.
- Identify cultural practices and beliefs, know basic information about the countries where target language is spoken and make comparisons in the target language.
Class Rules and Expectations

Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible

• Rules and guidelines set in the student handbook will apply in this class, as well as all safety contract rules.
• This is a foreign language classroom, that being said no one, not even the teacher, will speak perfectly at all times. Be respectful of people using the target language.
• Participate in class. This course is being taught in a manner that if you practice speaking, you should acquire a functional use of French.
• Be on time and in your seat when the bell rings. This is especially important during the first couple weeks when I’m learning your names. No one wants to be counted tardy.
• When doing written work, I expect everything to be in your own words. I will be able to tell if something is plagiarized or if you use a translator.
• Late work is accepted until the end of the semester in which it was assigned. Work turned in after the unit will be counted as a 0.

Grading: The OPS use the standards-based grading scale. Every assignment will be registered under the following grading scale:

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I am looking forward to a wonderful school year with all of you!

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I/We have read the above syllabus for French 1-2 and understand the expectations for Mme Finch’s classroom.

Student (Print your name) ____________________________________________________________

Date _______ Parent/guardian signature: _____________________________________________