**Bienvenue à Français I!**

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**Course Goals:** World Language classes focus on **communication and cultural awareness.** You will learn to speak, to listen, to read, and to write through paired practice, small group work, and role plays. Emphasis will be placed upon being able to use language in meaningful, real-life situations. By the end of the year, you will have been introduced to skills, knowledge, and attitudes that will help you live and work in an increasingly global society. Learning a new language is like learning how to play a sport or a musical instrument. It requires dedication, practice, and discipline. Your success depends on the effort you put forth. Bring a positive attitude, an open mind, and be ready to enjoy being immersed in a new language and culture.

**Grading Policy**

Daily grades = 50% (warm-ups, quizzes, homework, class work, participation)

* A minimum of 6 daily grades for every nine-week period. However, I always like to have more than 6 daily grades. Dropping the lowest grade is at my discretion. Please, **DO NOT ASK** me to drop grades. Quizzes will be both announced and unannounced.

Major grades = 50% (tests, projects, performance assessments)

* Expect a minimum of 3 major grades for every nine-week period and maximum of 4 major grades for every nine-week period.

**Types of Assignments**

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|  | **Learning Practice** | **What it means** |
|  | Practice  | Grades in this category reflect the preparation work that you will do to be ready to use the language in real world ways. Homework, participation, in-class work, discrete point vocabulary, grammar quizzes, and Duolingo count in this category.  |
|  | Interpersonal (Speaking) | The interpersonal mode of communication measures how well you speak the language and is the mode that prepares you to speak the language. You speak or write to exchange information in natural ways and you do not have a chance to script or to memorize conversations or dialogues.  |
|  | Interpretive (Reading and Listening) | The interpretive mode of communication measures how well you understand spoken or written authentic texts. There is no opportunity to interact with others, so you must be able to understand the spoken or written text on your own.  |
|  | Presentational (Speaking or Writing)  | The presentational mode of communication allows you to think about what you will say or write. When writing, you may have time to draft and to revise before producing a final product. When speaking, you may be able to rehearse for a few minutes before recording.  |

**Scope and Sequence (Subject to change)**

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| Getting to Know You  | 8/10/2022 – 10/7/2022 |
| Friends and Family  | 10/11/2022 – 12/16/2022 |
| A Typical Teenage Life | 1/5/23 – 2/16/23 |
| Where does my Money Go?  | 2/21/23 – 4/6/23 |
| Exploring the Target Culture  | 4/11/23 – 5/26/23 |

**Expectations**

**1. Arrive to class on time.** If you are tardy, you **must** have a pass signed by the teacher, nurse, counselor or administrator who detained you.

**2. Come to class prepared every day.** That means:

* Bring supplies to class (writing utensils, **French binder**, paper)
	+ Please, get a journal notebook for this class. A composition notebook will do.
* Homework is due at the beginning of class - turning your homework in during the same class period or by the end of the day is considered late.
* Classwork is due at the end of your class period. Any classwork turned in after your class period is considered late.

**For your information**: Cheating will not be tolerated and will be reported. A zero will be assigned. The use of a French-speaker or an automatic translation service to complete **YOUR** homework or work will result in a zero. I want to know what you know and can do on your own.

**Grade discrepancy**- Proof is required when there is a discrepancy between your grade sheet and my grade book. This is why it is important to keep all returned assignments in your binder. Without proof, the grades in my grade book are final.

**Late Work Policy**:

All work is expected to be turned in on time.

1 day late - minus 10 pts

2 days late - minus 20 pts

3 days late - minus 30 pts

After 4 days, the highest grade you can earn is a 50.

**3. Be attentive and courteous.** Pay attention during instruction, take notes when directed to do so, listen when others are speaking, respect others.

**4. Work cooperatively with others.** Throughout the year, we will do a variety of activities. Many of them will involve working with a partner or in a small group. Help each other. Everyone will benefit.

**5. Keep a binder.** Get a 2-inch binder with five dividers. Organization is key to success.

**6. When you are absent,** check in with me the following day. You have one day to make up an assignment, quiz or exam that you missed. If you are absent several days, you have up to five (5) days to see me regarding missed work. After five days, **Late Work Policy** will go into effect. It is your responsibility to talk to me about the work you missed. I will not chase you in order to get you to make up missed assignments or tests.

**7. Personal Electronic Devices may NOT be used in class.** They must be in silent mode at all times and put away out of sight. Failure to abide to the rule will result in **cell phone confiscation**, and a parent will be required to pick up the phone from the office. School administration may issue additional disciplinary consequences for repeated offenses.

**8. Food and chewing gum are not permitted during class.** A bottle of water is acceptable.

**9. If you need help,** see me as soon as possible for tutorials. Do not be afraid to tell me that you do not understand something. I am here to help you and want you to have a successful year in French class. Please, **do not come** at the **end of a grading period** asking me what you can do to boost your grade.

**10.** Students are encouraged to **retake** major assessments if they made less than a 70. The maximum score that may be earned on a retest is a 75. Additionally, the student must come to a tutorial prior to retaking the MG Test. You only have until the following grading period for re-takes.

**11. Extra credit** is offered at my discretion. Do not ask me what you can do at the end of a grading period to boost your grades. Your effort for this course is evaluated continuously throughout the semester.

**Consequences**

**1. Warnings** will be given for minor disruptions such as talking in class or being off task.

**2. Private conversation with the student** will be initiated by the teacher if the student’s behavior does not improve after receiving one or more warnings.

**3. Phone call home to parent** may be initiated by the teacher whenever a student’s behavior is a cause for concern. Parents will also be called if a detention or discipline referral is issued. Parents are also encouraged to contact me any time they have concerns.

**4. Discipline referrals** will be assigned if: 1) student continues to engage in disruptive behavior after a private conversation has occurred or 2) for any occurrence of highly disruptive or deliberately disrespectful, discourteous, or insubordinate behavior or language. **Students may also be sent out of the classroom for highly disruptive behavior if the teacher deems it necessary**.

I have read and understood the expectations for Mr. Trejo Rios’s Spanish class for 2019-2020. I accept responsibility and the possible consequences of not following the guidelines as mentioned above. Please print your name and signature below and submit during class as indicated.

**Student printed full name** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature/ name (Phone Number and e-mail) Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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