MS French 2

Course Overview

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Welcome to Lincoln Middle School French 2 class. I am delighted to help you to continue developing proficiency in a world language which is spoken by over 200 million people in more than 50 countries on five continents and getting to know better the francophone culture.

About the Course

The World Language Department at Lincoln School recognizes that « the purposes and uses of foreign languages are as diverse as the students who study them… It's with this philosophy in mind that five goal areas that encompass all of these reasons have been identified ». The **five C's** of Foreign Language Education serve as support and reference of French classes at Lincoln School : **C**ommunication (communicate in French), **C**ultures (gain knowledge and understanding of Francophone culture), **C**onnections (connect with other disciplines and acquire information), **C**omparisons (develop insight into the nature of language and culture) and **C**ommunities (participate in multilingual communities at home and around the world).

Course Structure

The MS French 2 course focuses on the three modes of communication - interpersonal, presentational, and interpretive - and ensures that students become proficient in the five skill areas. During this year, students will learn idiomatic and natural expression while grammar exercises will help them build proficiency. They will also develop reading skills and learn to appreciate literary writing. Activities will move from mechanical exercises to more creative and open-ended projects. Finally, essential questions will mold all the learning.

Because paired, small group, and cooperative group activities are at the heart of today's student-centered classroom, students will be offered many opportunities to work with their classmates on activities and projects that have clear guidelines and expectations. Students will thus assume a more active role in their learning as they will focus on how to learn as well as how to communicate in French. Opportunities for critical thinking will be found throughout the course, for example, in comparing francophone cultures to American culture and French grammar to English grammar.

Major themes of the course are:

- MS French 1review: greetings, courtesy, identity, leisure, school, food and family
- Shopping
- House/home
- Cities and city life
- Health
- Environment
- Holidays

Assessment

Formative and summative assessment will take place on a regular basis to check learning. They will include:

- Class participation and effort (homework will not be graded as such but is considered as a demonstration of good will and effort)
- Skits, recitation (songs, poems) and oral presentations
- Quizzes/Tests (listening, reading, speaking, writing skills and culture knowledge)
- Projects

Course text

- Textbook/Workbook/DVD *T'es branché?* French 1B (EMC and CLE International)
- *Essentiel et plus…2* (CLE International)

Many other resources and sites on the Internet will also be used.

Required materials

- personal laptop
- notebook
- folder
- writing tools

I am really looking forward to collaborating with you during this year and I will always be available to help you during or outside class time. In return I expect you to come to class prepared (new materials should always have been reviewed) and ready to do your best. During class, trying to speak in the target language as much as possible is essential. Smiling faces and humor also help, taking risks implies not to take oneself too seriously. Enjoyment is the key to success!

Madame Emériau