

Grade Five French

Overview for Parents

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Content Goals

This is an exciting year for French students. The goal of Grade Five French is to begin to add reading and writing to the students' repertoire of basic vocabulary. Grade Five students will also discuss the Renaissance in France and French influence in the New World. Students will conclude the year by watching the first of two classic French films about coming of age.

Students will review vocabulary from Grade Four and add several new topics including sports, holidays and food. They will begin to learn about verbs and their conjugation, and adjectives and their placement. Students will use a workbook entitled "Discovering Languages: French", published by Amsco. Students will memorize several Jacques Prévert poems, and create dialogues to present in class. Students will also read some familiar fairy tales in French. Students will watch "La gloire de mon père," a classic French film based on a Marcel Pagnol novel.

Expectations for Students

Grade Five French meets twice a week and each class is 50 minutes. During class, students are expected to actively participate in the games and exercises used to learn new vocabulary and to practice grammar skills, to recite poetry and to present simple dialogues. Students will participate in the creation of a timeline of events during the French Renaissance and the age of exploration and expansion to the New World. Students are expected to come to class with their supplies (book, binder and a pencil pouch) and their completed homework.

Homework Requirements

Students will have regularly assigned homework, which will normally be due at the next class meeting. Students who miss class will be expected to complete assignments in a timely fashion. Homework reinforces what is learned in the classroom and should not take longer than 20 minutes.

Contacting the Teacher

I am more than happy to answer any questions or concerns. Please feel free to call me at Crossroads Academy at (603) 795-3111, ext 123, and leave a message. I will return your call as soon as possible. You may also e-mail me at: kevin.quigley@crossroadsacademy.org.



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