

Grade Seven French

Overview for Parents

Teacher: Kevin Quigley

Content Goals

This is another big year for French students, and it's all about verbs, verbs, verbs! Students will learn about the three major verb groups in French; they will learn several irregular verbs; and they will learn about the present, future and past tenses of verbs. They will also learn about the imperative. Students will continue to use "Discovering French: Bleu" by Valette and Valette. Students will learn their second Jean de la Fontaine Fable, and may have the opportunity to do more with poetry in conjunction with their English poetry studies. Students will learn about France's reach around the globe, concentrating on the DOM (departments overseas) and TOM (territories overseas), and particularly Martinique and Guadeloupe.

Classroom activities will include watching the films "Rue Cases Nègres" and "Les choristes"; two films which feature adolescent boys coping with growing up in challenging situations. New vocabulary topics will include clothing and students will go "shopping" on the internet for clothing for family members. Grade seven French students will also learn about the impressionist art movement in France and the great French impressionist painters.

Expectations for Students

Students meet three times a week for 50 minutes a class. Speaking French in class continues to be an important component of the French classroom. Students will be expected to respond to questions in French and to converse in French as much as possible. Quizzes are given after each chapter in the textbook; and more comprehensive tests will be given after four chapters have been completed. Students are expected to participate in all exercises, activities and projects designed to strengthen their understanding of the French language. Students are also expected to come to class with all required supplies and their completed homework.

Homework Requirements

Homework is assigned each time we meet, and most assignments will be graded. Careful and thorough completion of homework is an important part of Grade Seven French. Homework assignments should take about 20 to 30 minutes to complete. Students who miss class will be expected to complete assignments in a timely fashion.

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.

