Grade 4: French Language
Overview for Parents

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Content goals
The goal of French 4 is to immerse the students in the French language and French and Francophone culture. Building on the increased proficiency of the children in pronunciation, intonation, and culture, the students start to learn to read and write in the target language. We continue our exploration of the French language using the same methods as in Grades K-3. Children improve their pronunciation and understanding of the language. They progress from hearing and retelling stories orally and incorporate the written aspect of the language.

I use various methodologies of teaching. One of them is the TPRS /CI method (Teaching Proficiency through Reading and Storytelling/ Comprehensible Input), a method that uses the whole language in story form while incorporating age-appropriate vocabulary and grammatical structure. I also use more traditional methods. We learn through stories, games, songs, art and other media.

Whenever possible, I strive to make connections with all areas of learning and to align with the Core Knowledge curriculum and the Core Virtues. In fourth grade, continuing an abundance of repetitive language structures, we reinforce the knowledge of basic topics (numbers, weather, colors, feelings, body parts, food, etc) while introducing more cultural references, basic verbs in present tense, a few grammatical structures and some written language.

Expectations for Students
French 4 meets twice a week for 47 minutes. The expectations for the class is that students engage in our learning activities and group work and listen with the intent to understand. By 4th grade, students should try to speak in the target language as much as possible.

At all times, students should respect:

- their teacher by being attentive to the teacher’s words.
- their fellow students by being considerate of those around them.
- themselves by being patient with themselves.

Homework Requirements
There will be little homework for students in grades 4. Homework will be a reinforcement of what has been learned in class: vocabulary, grammatical structure, songs, etc. Students are always encouraged to speak (practice French) with their families, try out songs, read books borrowed from the French classroom library.

Contacting the Teacher
I am more than happy to answer any questions or address any concerns. Feel free to email me at anne.delmelle@crossroadsacademy.org and I will get back to you as soon as possible.