

**DKFI Back-to-School Night Notes**  
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**French class**

## **Introductory Message**

This year, we have approximately 155 students in middle School. Several of my classes are bigger but should not prevent us from doing intensive oral practice. We will be working on more than "how to speak French," however; Our National Standards include:

Communication--To communicate in French

Cultures--To gain knowledge and understanding of francophone cultures

Connections--To use French to connect with other disciplines and expand knowledge

Comparisons--To develop insight through French into the nature of language and culture

Communities--To use French to participate in communities at home and around the world

## **Curriculum Highlights**

The focus is on oral communication-reading -writing -listening and functional topics. Students learn to apply grammatical principles of the language to form new sentences in meaningful exchanges and real world situations. Cultural information about French-speaking countries is integral.

## **Staying in Touch**

I have found *e-mail* to be the most efficient way to communicate. Please try to send me a message at [s.giscardabdoumfokue@pgcps.org](mailto:s.giscardabdoumfokue@pgcps.org). Include the student's name in the subject line. You are welcome to contact the school at any time if you want to talk to me, but response time may be quicker via e-mail.

## **Supply List**

Binder or composition notebook, pens, eraser and pencil sharpener should be brought to class daily.

## **Grading Factors (100%)**

45% Assessments

1. TESTS: verbs or Idioms **(No make-up)**
2. SUMMARY: **(No make-up)**
3. POETRY: **(No make-up)**
4. GRAMMAR RULES: **(No make-up)**

35% Class work (warm-ups, written class work, projects: **No English tolerated in class**)

20% Homework **(No make-up) Speaking French at school is part of the homework**

## Policy for Make-up Assignments

Obtain assignment upon return to school following excused absence and turn in within a time period equivalent to length of absence. Quizzes and tests must be made up during school hours.

## How Parents Can Help

- Have your child read aloud to you in French, listen to French music
- Have your child turn his/her cellphone into French language.
- Have your child do homework. ***Register to remind***
- ***Have your child speak only French at school***
- Have your child watch French movies at home
- Have your child work regularly on his/her long term projects
- Visit schoolmax on regular bases