

COURSE SYLLABUS – GRADE 5 FRENCH

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GENERAL OVERVIEW:

Basic introductory language course. Emphasis on listening and speaking skills, with some reading and writing/spelling included. Units are built around vocabulary topics, rather than grammatical concepts. This class meets every other day.

COURSE OBJECTIVE:

Introduction for the four skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing.

This course is the first approach to a foreign language for most of the students. The students will first correct pronunciation through repetition. By listening and repeating they will learn gradually and be able to answer easy questions with one or two words. By reading and recognizing the words associated with drawing, students will learn to write through games, puzzles, projects, etc.

MAJOR UNITS TAUGHT:

Alphabet

Greetings and expressions of courtesy

Classroom objects and classroom commands

Numbers

The house and the family

Occupations

Food and beverage

Parts of the body

Clothing

Time and colors

Art and music

Weather and seasons

Days and months

Leisure and recreation

Travel and transportation

Geography

TEXTS/MATERIALS USED

Students compile a loose-leaf notebook from teacher-generated “hand outs” based on a book entitled “Exploring French” (EMC Publishing).

Students will need a composition book and a three ring binder with a side pocket to keep their homework and the quizzes/tests done in class. They also must bring 2 pens (black or blue) and 2 pencils to every class.

HOMEWORK POLICY:

Homework will be given at the end of each class. Each student is responsible for his/her own homework. Each homework assignment will be checked and corrected at the beginning of the following class. Failure to complete homework will lower the final grade of the student. Students who are absent from school during the previous French class, may hand in their homework during the proximate French class period without any penalty.

METHOD OF COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

Parents may call me at school, leave a message or make an appointment at : 816-3350 Ext.:309 or write a note in the student's planner. Parents also may contact me by e-mail at: abillet@buffaloschools.org

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:

- 1.- Why should we all learn a foreign language?
- 2.- How do I approach students to a different culture?

EXTRA HELP OPPORTUNITIES:

I am also available during the school day for students who need extra help.