

WELCOME TO MADAME NELSON'S FRENCH 1/2 CLASS

BE ON TIME

BE RESPECTFUL

BE PREPARED

CLASSWORK AND PARTICIPATION:

In order to succeed in this class, you must be present both physically and mentally. Regular tardiness or excessive absences will not be tolerated. While being absent will only hurt yourself, being tardy disrupts the whole class, and neither lead to a comfortable learning environment. To learn a language, you must practice it, so regular participation is required.

HOMEWORK:

In this class, you will ALWAYS have homework each evening. If there is no written homework, then your homework is to study and practice whatever we have been learning for 20 minutes. Written homework needs to be turned in on time and complete. Late assignments may be turned in for half-credit up until the unit test. Just as I respect you and make sure that I plan lessons to teach you each day, I expect that you will return this respect by putting full effort into your work as well.

QUIZZES AND TESTS:

Quizzes will be given approximately twice a unit. They are usually announced. Quizzes are given both to check to make sure you are paying attention and doing your work, and also to let me know if there are some areas that I need to go over and explain better. Tests will be given at the end of each chapter. They will include any combination of audio questions, matching, fill-in-the-blank, multiple choice, true/false, short answer, brief translations, and essay questions. You will be given a review sheet for each test and we will review in class the day before each test.

PROJECTS:

During the year you will be required to complete several projects. They will be announced ahead of time and you will be given ample time to complete them.

***Note:** If you are absent, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed. Any handouts will be in the missing work folders, and check with a classmate in case we did work that did not require handouts. If you have asked 3 people and are still unsure, come talk to me and I will explain what you need to do. Remember that it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to make sure you get caught up, not mine!

Please remember that I am here to help you and want you to succeed. If you need extra help or more time on assignments, come talk to me and we can try to work something out. Let's start the year off right!

Grading Scale:

Classwork and participation: 35%

Homework: 15%

Projects: 20%

Tests and quizzes: 30%

Final Grades:

A= 90-100%

B= 80-89%

C= 70-79%

D= 65-69%

F= 64% or lower

FIRST SEMESTER

Unit 1:

Getting Acquainted and Family and Friends

- Introduction
- The Alphabet
- Numbers
- Days of the week, seasons, months
- Greeting conversations
- Masculine and feminine
- Silent letters
- Friends
- Family
- Nasal letters

Unit 2: Bon Appetit! and De Jour en Jour

- Food
- Cafes and restaurants
- Beverages
- Pronunciation
- Time
- Refresh on days, months, and seasons

Unit 3: Daily Activities

- Activity vocabulary
- The telephone
- Etre ("to be")
- Negatives
- "-er" verbs
- Expressions for conversations
- Questions
- Faire ("to do")

Unit 4: People and Possessions

- Objects of possession vocabulary
- Avoir ("to have")
- Masculine, feminine and plural
- Indefinite articles
- Pronouncing final consonants
- Transportation
- Colors
- Opinions

SECOND SEMESTER

Unit 5:

In The City

- French cities
- Street names
- Your city and house
- In Paris
- Aller ("to go")
- Venir ("to come")
- Sports, games and music
- Animals
- Possessive articles

Unit 6:

Shopping

- Clothes
- In a store
- Acheter ("to buy")
- Preferer ("to prefer")
- Mettre ("to put")
- "-ir" verbs
- Making comparisons
- Money
- "-re" verbs
- The imperative

Unit 7:

Leisure Time Activities

- The weekend
- Vacation
- Sporty activities
- Le passe compose (past tense)
- Television
- Voir ("to see")

Unit 8:

Food and Meals

- French meals
- Fruits and vegetables
- Vouloir ("to want"), prendre ("to take")
- Boire ("to drink")
- Pouvoir ("to be able"), devoir ("to have to")