
Green Valley School
French 40S
2015-2016 – Semester 2
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Course Description:

This course has been created to develop the four language skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing. Students will build on and apply their knowledge of French while exploring a variety of themes, such as, “Au jour le jour,” “Soyons utiles!” “Vive la nature!” “Aspects de la vie quotidienne,” and “Bon voyage!” Thematic readings, such as short stories and articles, as well as audio and visual resources will serve as stepping stones to oral and written activities. Students will be exposed to a variety of opportunities to discover, explore, and experience aspects of Francophone culture.

Learning Outcomes:

LISTENING

- Listen to a wide range of oral texts (structured and spontaneous) to complete authentic tasks.
- Listen to a variety of media resources (CDs and DVDs) and respond to them through various means.
- Participate in guided discussions and role-playing situations.

SPEAKING

- Use newly acquired vocabulary and linguistic structures in short dialogues, presentations, and conversations.
- Participate in sustained conversations in a variety of interactive situations related to personal life and social issues.
- Understand more complex questions and respond with more complex answers.

READING

- Read a variety of texts for information and personal enjoyment and convey understanding through various means.
- Express personal preferences or reactions to various texts.
- Read familiar and unfamiliar texts aloud with fluency and accuracy in pronunciation, rhythm, and intonation.

WRITING

- Write in a variety of simple forms following and making adaptations to a model.
- Express personal preferences or reactions to written texts.
- Have a good command of vocabulary and linguistic structures required to formulate coherent texts.

Course Content:

In addition to the textbook and workbook, you may be involved in the following activities:

- ★ Oral Activities and Presentations
- ★ Reading and discussing French magazine and newspaper articles
- ★ Reading and discussing French literature (novels, children's books, poetry)
- ★ Listening to French music

Required Materials:

Please bring the following materials to class everyday:

- ★ 1 binder with loose leaf (this binder is for French only please)
- ★ French-English Dictionary
- ★ Pens, pencils, eraser, highlighter (preferably in a pencil case)
- ★ Specific items will be required upon request

Assessment:

Course assessment will include both formative assessment (how students are progressing towards achieving learning outcomes) – in the form of self-evaluations, conversations, observations, checklists, rating scales, rubrics, lesson quizzes, unit projects - and summative assessment (to what degree students have achieved learning outcomes) - tests, a written and oral final exam.

Term Assessment:	<i>Communication orale – écouter et parler</i>	40%
	<i>Communication écrite – lire et écrire</i>	30%
	DuoLingo (language learning software)	10%
Final Assessment:	<i>Évaluation orale et écrite</i>	20%

Homework/Late Assignments:

- ★ Completing homework is essential to your success in this course. Students will be expected to hand in assignments on time. If you feel that you will not be able to meet the scheduled due date for a **major project**, please meet with me **before** the due date to negotiate a new one.
- ★ **Students should refer to the Student Handbook in regards to a school wide late assignment policy and the consequences for being late for class.**
- ★ It is your responsibility to make up any work that you miss if you are absent from class. If you are absent the day of a test, a note from your parents/guardians will be needed to explain your absence. You will write the test the day you return.

Course Expectations:

- ★ Regular attendance is mandatory.
- ★ Please be on time for class with all necessary materials.
- ★ Please be respectful towards the teacher, fellow students, educational assistants, substitute teachers, and school material.
- ★ Speak in French as much as possible.
- ★ No food or drink in class, with the exception of water.
- ★ Please, no electronics. They will be confiscated if they are seen in class.