



le 4 septembre, 2018

Chers Parents,

Bonjour et bienvenue au Français Intensif. Hopefully you and your child are as excited as I am to begin this new year. I am looking forward to working in partnership with you to ensure your child has a fun and exciting year of growth and learning.

Intensive French:

During the first few days, we will concentrate on the language needed to function in the classroom and establishing routines. Our first theme is 'moi et ma famille'. The activities undertaken in each theme or unit help the students with the creation of a project that culminates in a presentation.

Your child will likely experience several emotions during this first term. At first he/she may be apprehensive and unsure, then become frustrated, then determined and finally, they will get to the 'AHAH!' stage when they acquire the language. These experiences/feelings may repeat themselves as we cycle through each theme. Making mistakes is an integral part of language acquisition. The fastest way to learn is by jumping in and trying out new things, then listening for corrections and trying again. In class, a positive, safe, and fun environment will be emphasized, so that students maintain confidence to keep on trying. Due to the fact that the basis of the program is oral language acquisition, it is extremely important that all students maintain good attendance.

Homework:

Math: Any work not completed in class. Some weeks students may be given additional assignments. I will communicate when they are due and I will pass that along via the Class website.

Intensive French: Basic activities that serve to consolidate learning done in class, and project work will may be sent home. Watching French television programs is also great practice. Starting late October, students will begin re-reading French books at home, which have already been read in school. Please listen to your child re-read the book after they have practiced a couple of times.

English Language Arts: Continued reading in English for about 30 minutes each night. Please ensure your child has a variety of reading material on hand at home (or let me know and I will allow them to take books home). Any *authentic* writing activities your child can do at home will also ensure their continued success.

Please ensure that you check agendas each day, we will also be posting important information on our webpage <http://pesgrade5.weebly.com> or through **ClassDojo**. I am looking forward to working with you and your child this year and am excited to watch them learn and grow. Please feel free to call me at the school **658-5356** or email me at any time: katie.dow@nbed.nb.ca.

Sincerely,

Miss K. Dow

