

**R**esponsabilité  
*espect*  
*ésultats!*

Welcome to Madame Gross's French Class!  
I am very pleased to have you as my student!

*Before we begin to learn French, let's examine the three R s.*

As your teacher, it is my **RESPONSIBILITY** to...

Behave in a way that shows **RESPECT** for myself, others, the environment, property, time, and rules.

Behave in a way that encourages positive **RESULTS**.

Provide a physically and emotionally safe learning environment.

Design appropriate academic tasks.

It is *your* **RESPONSIBILITY** to behave in a way that shows **RESPECT** for..

### **Yourself**

- ◇ Be intellectually honest
- ◇ Do quality work
- ◇ Speak up if you have concerns or needs
- ◇ Set appropriate boundaries

### **Others**

- ◇ Honor diversity
- ◇ Honor space

### **Time**

- ◇ Honor yours, mine, and ours

### **Property**

- ◇ Take care of things (whether they belong to you, to your neighbor, to me, or to our school)

### **Rules**

- ◇ Know the rules for both our school and our French class

### **The Environment**

- ◇ Reduce, reuse, recycle
- ◇ Keep your table, your cubby, and the area around your chair clean.

It is *your* **RESPONSIBILITY** to behave in a way that encourages positive **RESULTS** by...

- ◇ Participating in class work
- ◇ Doing your homework
- ◇ Managing your time
- ◇ Working with your partner
- ◇ Bringing the materials you need to do academic work
  - French Textbook Must be kept in good condition. Do not write in or otherwise damage your textbook. Erase all marks that you find in your textbook.
  - 3-ring binder with paper
  - Pencil or pen
  - Colored pencils
  - Dry erase marker

# Your **RESULTS** will be reflected in a quarter grade that is based on:

## Homework completion

- Homework is practice, not a test. Even if you aren't sure you're doing it right...do it!
- You earn credit for having homework assignments done **to the best of your ability** and **on time**.

## Class participation

- Be prepared, attentive, responsive, and respectful in class.
- Have your textbook, supplies, and binder every day.

## Quiz and test grades

Tests and quizzes are usually **unannounced**. The reason that I will not announce tests is that cramming for a test the night before does not produce long-term memory. Since I want you to know **all** of the material at **all** times, tests will include **all** of the French we have learned, not just the current vocabulary list.

Grades will be updated weekly on Thursdays. You may check your grade as often as you like. See me immediately if you have any questions or concerns about your grade.

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## Semester grades

Your semester grade is computed as follows:

First quarter grade	x 2
Second quarter grade	x 2
Semester exam grade	<u>x 1</u>
Total is divided by 5.	

Example:

First quarter 94%	---> 188
Second quarter 86%	---> 172
Semester exam 91 %	---> <u>91</u>
Total 451 / 5	---> 90 % A-

# French Classroom Procedures

**The Beginning of Class:** Be in your seat and ready to work when the bell rings. Have your homework out and ready to be checked. Check the lesson plan and copy down any assignments in your student planner, then get prepared for the first item on the lesson plan.

**The End of Class:** Class is not over until I dismiss you. Until that time, you will stay at your seat and work. Do not put away your materials early, line up at the door, or walk around the room.

Before you leave, make sure that your chair is pushed in, the cubby is cleaned out, and pick up any trash on the floor.

**Tardies:** Any time you arrive late to class, hand me your pass. Seat yourself quickly and join in whatever activity is in progress. You are responsible for making up any activity that you missed, as well as copying any notes.

**Absences:** If you are absent for any reason, you are required to make up all work missed. It is your responsibility to find out what assignments and notes you missed.

· How to find makeup work assignments: Find the lesson plan for the date or dates of your absence and copy down the missed assignments. If there were any handouts, check with your partner or ask me for a copy. If there were any notes, politely ask your partner if you may copy the notes.

**Videos, books and magazines:** I have a library of French books, videos, and magazines. You are welcome to look at them. If you would ever like to borrow one to take home, please check it out by signing a check out card and putting the card on my desk. Please return these materials within a week in good condition.

**Treat these materials with care!**

**Substitute Teachers:** There will be times when I will not be in the classroom. Please cooperate with the substitute teacher. Be aware that substitute teachers may not be proficient in French.

**Partners:** There will be assigned seats. Your partner is the person who shares your table. I will re-arrange seating every month, giving you a new partner every month. Your responsibility towards your partner involves:

- ◇ Exchange telephone numbers so that you can get help on homework.
- ◇ Recite in French to each other in class.
- ◇ Check each other's work in class.
- ◇ Get copies of handouts if your partner is absent.
- ◇ Provide notes for your partner to copy after an absence.
- ◇ Help each other to achieve outstanding **RESULTS!**