



Syllabus for French class with Madame Stevens 7th grade, level 1B, G period.

Bonjour et bienvenue!

I am very glad to be back at Blake for my second year and to continue sharing my knowledge of the French language as well as the French Speaking world.

❖ **Background information:**

My name is Séverine Stevens and I live in Eden Prairie with my husband, Brian, and our cat, Binky. This summer, I spent 2 weeks in France and I enjoyed speaking French with my nephews and nieces, who range from 2 ½ to 15 years old.

I was born and raised in northern France where my family still lives. After high school, I went to university in Valenciennes where I studied business and languages for 3 years. But after a year as a French teaching assistant in England, I decided to become a teacher of French as a foreign language. That was over 10 years ago and I have no regret.

❖ **Schedule:**

This year, we will meet 4 times a week during G period, ie. Monday and Tuesday (2:35 PM to 3:25 PM), Wednesday and Thursday (1:05 PM to 1:55 PM).

❖ **Resources:**

We will continue using C'est à toi! 1 and its workbooks. Each day we meet, you will need to bring:

- The book and its workbooks.
- Pens and pencils.
- A spiral notebook or a binder with loose leaf paper.
- A pocket folder.

❖ **Curriculum/Course content:**

After a review of last year's material, we will work on the following themes:

- *On fait les courses*: going out and buying food items in specific stores.
- *A la maison*: describing where you live and talking about the different meals during a typical day.
- *La santé*: naming parts of the body, describing pains, illnesses and talking about healthy habits.
- *En vacances*: talking about a trip in a Francophone country, which took place in the past.
- *A Paris*: discovering specific places of interest in Paris and describing past events while in Paris.

By the end of the year, you should be able to:

- Converse comfortably and accurately about these topics.
- Write coherent paragraphs and short essays.
- Read brief passages in French and answer questions.
- Ask and answer questions ***en français***.

At the end of the year, there will be a placement exam to determine your readiness for 8th grade French.

❖ **Homework and makeup regulations:**

You will be expected to spend 20 minutes on French homework outside of school, 4 days a week, according to your schedule. However sometimes (for example: review for an end-of-unit test), you might need to spend more time. While other times, no homework will be set. I would recommend you spend that available time to read what was done in class and ask questions at the beginning of the next class when needed. Homework will be checked in class or handed-in and is part of your grade. Late homework will only be accepted if you missed school the day it was due.

When absent for one day, I encourage you to contact a classmate to ask for missing class work and homework assignment(s) or email me directly with your question(s)/request.

When absent for more than one day, you will have one day of make-up time for each missed day of school.

If you know you are going to be absent, please come and see me so we can make appropriate arrangements.

❖ **Grading:**

Your grade will be based on total points accumulated and then weighed, according to the following areas:

- Proficiency tests (reading, writing, listening and speaking) and projects: 60%
- Quizzes (vocabulary, grammar, culture): 20%
- Homework and class work: 20%

In other words, to get a good grade, you should:

- Complete homework on time.
- Review class work often as quizzes can be announced or unannounced and tests are worth lots of points.
- Come to class prepared (books, paper, pens...etc), participate and work well in group settings.

❖ **Behavioral expectations:**

To make the best usage of our class time, you will be expected to:

- Be honest.
- Be accepting of others.
- Be respectful.
- Be responsible.
- Be trustworthy.
- Be on time and prepared.
- Be cooperative and participate in all aspects of the learning process.
- Ask questions when in doubt.
- Have fun *en français!*

I am looking forward to working with you and getting to know you. For further information, now and throughout the year, you can email me (sstevens@blakeschool.org) or call me (952) 988 3641.

Merci et à bientôt.

Please return this page of the syllabus at the beginning of your next class.
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I, _____, acknowledge having read and understood the different topics discussed in this syllabus.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

I, _____, parent/guardian of _____, acknowledge having read and understood the different topics discussed in this syllabus.

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