

Letter to Parent at the Beginning of the School Year, Response Form

Date

Dear parents,

Bonjour et bienvenue (Hello and welcome)! I am excited to kick off the new school year (*la rentrée*). This will be a special year in which your child will be learning not only to speak, read, and write the French language but will also be learning about French people and their culture. Below you will find many ways in which your child will grow through the study of French culture and language. You will also learn about many of the fun activities your child and you too, if you choose to participate in them, can anticipate during this school year.

Your child has made a wise decision in choosing to study French. French is one of the most widely spoken languages in the world. With French, one can be understood in 55 countries across 5 continents by over 200 million people. Studying French helps one to communicate better with the Francophone world. In addition, it will help improve one's understanding of his or her own language as one develops a rich knowledge of French vocabulary. French provides the base for more than 30% of modern English vocabulary. It will also help prepare for success on college entrance exams and in classes at the university. French is used in many professions and knowledge of French greatly enhances travel experiences in French-speaking countries.

Activities in our class this year will include participation in National French Week in November, a Mardi Gras celebration in February, and the National French Contest in March. We will also be making French pastries, *crêpes*, and student-designed French motif t-shirts.

We have a very active French Club, and our president _____ is eager to organize numerous fun activities such as: field trips to French plays, movies, and restaurants, our annual *pétanque* tournament, and our French competition called le Tour de _____.

There are many ways in which YOU, too, can participate in your child's linguistic and cultural development. Here are just a few of them:

- Chaperone a field trip
- Be a guest speaker (share a personal French experience: travel, business, au pair, etc.)
- Recommend a potential speaker on French culture, travel, business, etc.
- Help in class with special projects
- Help in some way with classroom materials
- Help with fundraising

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- Support our French program. We encourage parents to contact us to become a part of our very own French Booster Club.
 - Share your ideas for special field trips with us.
 - Share your talents with us (for example, sewing berets for the club, creating costumes for historic presentations or plays).
 - Support the French program in a different way (share your ideas here)
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This is just a sampling of ways you can help support your child and at the same time the French program at our school. If you can help out in any of these areas during the class day, or at the end of the school day right after school or in the evening, please let me know by completing the form below and returning it to me via your student or by mail. Your child and I hope that you will join and participate in as many activities as your extracurricular schedule will allow.

Merci beaucoup for your time and assistance!

Email address: _____



The Parent Response Form is found on the following page

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I would like to be involved in the following ways: (Check all that apply)

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 - Recommend a potential speaker on French culture, travel, business, etc.
 - Help in class with special projects
 - Help in some way with classroom materials
 - Help with fundraising
 - Support the French program. (We encourage all parents to contact us to become a part of our very own French Booster Club. Perhaps you have contacts with local newspapers to publicize our event.)
 - Share my ideas for special field trips
 - Support the French program in a different way (Share your ideas here)
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_____ I have studied French. (Provide details if you wish.)

_____ I have never studied French.

Name (please print)

Parent of (please print)

_____ Period _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Please return this form by _____ to me by means of your child or, if you prefer, drop me a response via email. Here is my address:

Merci encore une fois (Thanks again) for any help you can give your student's class

Madame/Monsieur _____