

Sample letter
End-of-the-year letter to parents and students by their 8th Grade French teacher
(Wisconsin)

Dear Students and Parents:

As I wish you “AU REVOIR” I would like to offer my most sincere MERCI! You have been a fantastic group of students with whom to work. The enthusiasm and dedication of this eighth grade group have been boundless! Some of you have been with me for three years, some only one short year, but I feel as if I know and care about you as I would a family member.

We have worked hard together and we have accomplished MANY goals. The two most important were:

#1: To help you really enjoy learning this beautiful language so that you want to continue and

#2: To get you to speak this language without a lot of fear and hesitation.

Whatever you were asked to do, whether it was a skit, a “point” contest, team contests, weekend activities, even classroom exercises, you did with a smile and enthusiasm.

I enjoyed our camping weekend at l’AVENTURE FRANCAISE in Wisconsin, our evening in Milwaukee at the International Folk Festival, our experience in the National AATF French Contest in which we again took the top 8 prizes in Illinois and 7 of the 8 in the entire United States, our trip to the DEGAS exhibit at the Art Institute, and our running of LE TOUR DE FRANCE bike (tricycle) race and I look forward with great anticipation to being with 38 of you very soon in LA BELLE France. We also had fantastic food sessions in class over the past 3 years, participated in many oral proficiency projects, heard many stories (some several times) and we have shared many laughs. You are a joy, and I treasure my short time spent with you each day.

I did not use the term «adieu» at the beginning of my letter, for I look at this as a short «good-bye»until I see you all again. I wish you «BON COURAGE AU LYCEE, BONNE CHANCE ET UN GRAND MERCI A TOUS!»

Madame/Monsieur _____

P. S. Hear are some ideas for keeping up with French during the summer:

- Plan your vacation to a place where French is spoken: Montreal, Quebec City, New Orleans, or Maine.
- Enjoy a meal at a French restaurant.
- Rent a French movie. Listen to the French while you read the English subtitles or try reading the French subtitles while you listen to the French sound track!
- Attend a performance: ballet, concert, Cirque du Soleil, etc.
- Visit a local museum to see special exhibits of French painters, photographers or sculptors.