

French I Syllabus
Elmwood High School

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Course Textbook: Bon Voyage! – Level 1
French First Year Workbook

Course Description:

French I introduces students to foreign language study. The students will engage in communicative and written activities that relate to areas of personal interest such as family, friends, travel, and food. Listening and reading activities are also emphasized. The students are introduced to basic grammatical concepts.

Learning Objectives:

- Develop an understanding of basic language patterns
- Develop the ability to respond appropriately to simple commands and questions in French
- Develop recognition of the written form of familiar spoken French and predict the meaning of key words
- Develop the ability to infer meaning of cognates from context
- Develop proper pronunciation, intonation, and inflection unique to the French language
- Develop the ability to write words, phrases, and simple sentences
- Develop an understanding of French culture, arts, literature history, and geography

Student Responsibilities:

- **Homework:** Practice is the best way to improve your French! You will have some kind of assignment most class periods, and you will usually be given time at the end of the class period to bring your assignment. During that time, I will be available to help you with any problems you might have.
 - Homework Points:
 - You will receive points for each completed homework assignment.
 - Some homework assignments will be graded and will be worth a greater number of points than a daily homework assignment.
 - No points will be awarded for late homework
 - For every day of class missed, you will be allowed an extra day to complete missed homework assignments. It is your responsibility to bring me your completed assignments to receive your stickers. This must be done outside class time.

- **Notebooks:** You are required to keep a three-ring notebook for this class. In this notebook you should organize the following in four sections:
 - French Grade Tally Sheet
 - You must record each grade on this sheet.
 - The number of points you earn determines your grades for this class, and this number will vary each grading period.
 - French Homework Sheet and Homework Assignments
 - At the beginning of each class period, the assignment due for that day will be checked.
 - If it has been adequately completed, you will receive reward sticker(s) for that assignment which will be placed on the Homework Sheet.
 - All completed homework assignments should be kept in this section of your notebook for future use and to help you prepare for quizzes and tests.
 - Tests and Quizzes
 - All tests and quizzes returned to you should be kept in this section of your notebook.
 - Notes, Vocabulary, Verb Charts, and French phrases
 - This will be the "miscellaneous" section of your notebook.
 - Chapter Vocabulary lists and any other vocabulary reviewed in class or notes taken will be kept in this section of your notebook.
 - Any new verb conjugations should also be kept in this part of your notebook for easy reference.

Classroom Rules and Behavioral Expectations:

- Always try your best!
- Be respectful of everyone in our classroom.
- Ask for help when you need it. I will do everything I can to help you earn the best possible grade in this class.
- Come to class prepared.
- Please be in your seat ready to learn when the bell rings.
- All food and drink should be consumed in the school cafeteria...
Please do not bring food or drink into Room 111.
- Your French pronunciation will be much better without gum in your mouth –
Please...no gum chewing in class!
- Have Fun!

Grading:

Grading will follow the policy of Elmwood High School

A+	100%
A	94% - 99%
A-	92% - 93%
B+	90% - 91%
B	85% - 89%
B-	83% - 84%
C+	81% - 82%
C	76% - 80%
C-	74% - 75%
D+	72% - 73%
D	67% - 71%
D-	65% - 66%
F	64% and below

The number of points you earn in this class will determine your grade. The number of points possible will vary each grading period. Throughout the grading period, you will receive points for the following:

1. Completed homework assignments
2. Effort & Oral Participation – 75 points possible
 - You will earn effort points based on the following:
 - Contribution to the learning community through active class participation
 - Cooperative attitude
 - Coming to class prepared with textbook, paper, pens/pencils, French notebook and completed homework assignment
 - You will earn oral participation points based on the following:
 - Willingness to speak French in class
 - Improvement! The more you speak in class, the easier it will be and the more you will improve.
 - Responsiveness to questions asked in class (in French!)
3. Quizzes (between 25 and 60 points)
4. Quests (between 60 and 90 points)
5. Tests (worth 90 or more points)

6. Extra Credit
 - Each grading period you will have the opportunity to earn extra credit points.
 - You never know when you might need them, so I strongly encourage all students to do extra credit when they have the opportunity!

Your grade for the grading period will be calculated by dividing the number of points you have earned by the total number of points possible, which will be expressed by percentage. You will receive a letter grade based on your percentage earned according to the Elmwood High School grading scale.

Rewards:

- Extra Credit Points
- "Une Fois Sans Devoir" passes:
 - From time to time to reward exceptional effort, I will reward students with this free homework pass.
 - The pass is worth 5 points, or one homework sticker.
 - These may be turned in on a day when a homework assignment has not been completed, and you will still receive 5 points for that day.
 - If you choose to retain your pass(es) until the end of the grading period, they can be turned in and you will earn 5 extra credit points for each pass you turn in.

Helpful Hints:

- Study your French before every class period.
- Learning a foreign language involves cumulative learning. Every chapter in our text and every concept we learn builds on something we have already gone over in class. If you fall behind, it can sometimes be difficult to catch up.
- Stay current with homework.
- Stay organized! I believe that the better organized you are, the better your results in class will be.
- Ask for help! If you are confused or need extra help, I am here to help you!

Resources:

- The publisher of our textbook, Glencoe/McGraw-Hill maintains a website to support your learning of French:
<http://glencoe.com/>
Each chapter has activities, resources, and self-check quizzes to reinforce your learning. I encourage you to visit this website regularly to highlight what we are working on in class.