

Les devoirs en 5^{ième} année

Mlle Howlett's expectations

Homework is important. But, so is imaginative play, physical activity, quality family time and living a balanced life-style. As parents/guardians, you know your child and their individual needs best. As a result, I like to offer flexibility with homework so you can choose what best suits your family lifestyle. Below are some resources and suggestions for homework. Please choose what you feel works best for your family. For children with more specific needs, I will be in direct contact in the coming weeks with suggestions as to what would be beneficial to focus on at home. Practice makes progress!



The basics

Les mots fréquents: These words are the building blocks of the French language. For students to be successful reading, they will need to be able to easily and quickly recognize these words. The high frequency words have been broken down into reading lists. Ideally, students should practice reading one list per week so that they are able to read each list with fluency and ease. Technology permitting, I will aim to post audio recordings of the word lists on my teacher page (and eventually FreshGrade when it is up and running) for parents who are unsure of the proper pronunciation. If students have already mastered the reading of these words, practicing the spelling of these words would be a great next step.

Reading: Research shows that 15 focused minutes of reading a day is the most effective way for students to progress in reading. Ideally, student should be reading at home in French. If this becomes a cumbersome task, encourage them to read in English as many of the comprehension skills are transferable. Still no luck? Try reading **with or to** your child. Reading together is a great way for students to practice comprehension strategies and learn new vocabulary without the struggle of having to independently decode new vocabulary. Plus, it's a great way to bond and develop a shared appreciation for reading.

Xtra-Math: Like sight words, fluency with basic math facts is foundational to success with more complex equations. Xtra-Math is a free website (or one-time fee of \$5 to download an app) where students can practice addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts. I will also provide some time for students who struggle in this area to use Xtra-Math in class.

If you want more

Sound work: https://www.lepointdufle.net/apprendre_a_lire1/phonemes_graphemes.htm .

For students who struggle with decoding and sound recognition, this is a great resource for sound review. Students can listen to the sound and complete a variety of activities to help them properly identify the sounds.

Radio-Canada: <https://ici.radio-canada.ca/jeunesse/scolaire>

This website has a number of games, articles and t.v. shows available in French for kids. Listening to French dialogue with visual supports can help students develop their oral language skills as well as increase their motivation to learn more!

Khan Academy: <https://www.khanacademy.org/>

This is an exceptional free resource for students to learn and practice their math skills. I will be using Khan Academy in the classroom to provide enrichment or review activities for specific students based on their needs. Students can also choose areas of interest to focus on at home. This resource is available in both English and French, and includes instructional videos for a variety of strategies.

Dogo-News: <https://www.dogonews.com/>

This Kid-Friendly news site has a variety of articles related to various topics ranging from Current Events, Sports and Environmental Issues. Each article is also accompanied by an informational video students adore! This site has long been a favourite in my English to Immersion class!

Find authentic reasons to write:

Keeping a journal is a great authentic way for students to write about their lives and personal experiences. For many, coming up with ideas is the most challenging part. Keeping a journal allows students to record the important details related to their personal experiences. Writing thank you notes or letters to friends, family members or pen pals are also motivating reasons for students to write.

If there is anything else you are looking for, please feel free to reach out and I will be more than happy to guide you towards some appropriate resources. From time to time I will also post examples of what we are working on in class on my Teacher Page (or FreshGrade). Again, please use your own judgement to determine what you feel is appropriate for your family.

Merci!

- *Mlle Hawlett*

