

John Jay Middle School

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“Learn. Care. Lead.”

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2019-20 Open House

Subject: 8th Grade French – level 1 – part 3

Teachers: Susan Reiss, Alexandra Gallo

JJMS Goal: To be a school that continually fosters learning, caring and leading

Curriculum:

- A. Thematic based curriculum (ordering in a café, family, socializing, etc.) with the emphasis on communication, both oral and written. Vocabulary, grammar and cultural aspects depend on the function being taught. The four communicative functions are: socializing, exchanging information, expressing feelings, and asking questions.
- B. Aural-oral approach: hear it, say it, use it, experience it, act it out...all prior to the reading, writing and spelling component. This speaking based curriculum has an increased reading focus because of the basic role that reading plays in the language acquisition continuum.
- C. Units 1-4, level 2 (see table of contents in text)
- D. Portfolio: to be compiled throughout the year; on view on “Arts Night”

Grading and Homework

- A. Section and folder in binder for notes and classwork/homework
- B. Formative work (homework @ 15% and class participation @ 15%) = 30%
- C. Summative work (assessments/projects @ 70%) = 70%
- D. Final grade is determined as follows: 31% Tri 1; 31% Tri 2; 31% Tri 3; 7% Final exam

Resources:

- A. Textbook: Discovering French Today – level 2
- B. Online textbook: Discovering French Today – level 2 (my.hrw.com)
- C. Workbook: Discovering French Today – level 2

Extra Help:

Tuesdays after school or by appointment

Teacher Contact Information:

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eChalk for guidelines, Microsoft Teams for assignments and announcements for students.