

Back to School 5th Grade French

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 5th Grade French Dual Immersion! Here are some things to help us make this a successful year:

About me:

- I am from Utah, born and raised, with two degrees from the University of Utah: Bachelors in French and International Studies and Masters in French and Francophone Language and Literature. I have lived in France three separate times to study and practice the language.

Our groups:

- Mrs. May and I have two groups: the “blue” group (starts with me) and the “green” group (starts with Mrs. May). **Every two weeks the groups will change** who they start the day with so the students will have the same learning time.

Curriculum & Content:

- In my class, we will focus on French literacy and science with math reinforcement. **STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO SPEAK IN FRENCH IN MY CLASSROOM.** We write, we speak, we listen, and we read in French.
- **Homework** will be given out throughout the week and will be due the **FOLLOWING MONDAY** (or the first day of the school week).
- As a consistent part of homework, students will be required to read 20 minutes a day **IN FRENCH**. To gain full credit, a student must read 4 days a week. (This will start the second week of school.) Students will be given a calendar to fill out and a parent/guardian needs to sign off that they completed the reading.
- Another consistent part of homework will be French writing, known as "Kifs du jour"; students will need to write for 5 to 10 minutes 4 days a week.
- Fridays (or last day of the week), we do “Montrer & Dire” (Show-and-Tell). Each student will have two times throughout the school year to bring something from home to present to the class (no longer than 5 minutes). Pets are allowed but please let me know in advance.
- To celebrate **birthdays**, we will have a celebration at the end of each month. Those born in that month can bring a treat to share with the class (though it is not required). This provides a way to celebrate that does not take away too much instruction time. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND TREATS WITH YOUR STUDENT ON THEIR BIRTHDAY!**
- Classroom Website: <http://jamesfrench5.weebly.com/>
 - I post homework and vocabulary PowerPoints so students can study at home. I also post photos from the activities throughout the year. If you would not like me to post any pictures of your student, please let me know.

SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
James Library Please make sure your student brings their library books. May PE Please make sure your student has proper clothing and shoes.	May Library Please make sure your student brings their library books. James PE Please make sure your student has proper clothing and shoes.	May Art James Dance Starts Jan. 10	James Art May Dance Starts Jan. 10	Early Out

Suggested school material donations: NOTICE: THE ITEMS ON THIS LIST WILL BE USED DURING THE REGULAR SCHOOL DAY. THEY MAY BE BROUGHT FROM HOME ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS, OTHERWISE, THEY WILL BE FURNISHED BY THE SCHOOL.

- 3 Spiral Notebooks (2 for James, 1 for May)
- A 2 pocket folder (to be used for homework)
- Pencils
- Cap Erasers

How to communicate: If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me.

- By email: lajames@graniteschools.org
- School phone: 385-646-4924

I look forward to this year! Merci!

Sincerely,

Lindsay James

Mme James Wish List

- Tissue Boxes
- Sanitizing Wipes
- Dry erase markers
- Donation to class fund for activities
 - Donations will be used for field trips (bus costs have gone up) and classroom supplies for different projects