



Bienvenue à la classe de français!

French is the second most frequently used language of the Internet and the world and is spoken on every continent. It is also one of two official languages for organizations such as the International Red Cross and the International Monetary Fund. It is one of two working languages for the United Nations. Welcome to learning such a critical world language!

In French I we stress basic communication: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. You will also improve your English skills: half of English vocabulary words come from French. We will use French in class whenever possible to give you plenty of practice. Do not be afraid if you sound a little clumsy at first. Did you start speaking English perfectly as a toddler? Of course not! We're all in this together, so no mockery allowed!

Expectations

1. Always bring all materials to class and be **READY** to work when the tardy bell rings.
2. Be **RESPONSIBLE** for your own education.
 - Know assignments, due dates, and take care of make-up work.
 - Take care of grooming and other personal needs (food, drink, sleep, etc.) outside of class.
3. Show **RESPECT** to everyone in the class.
4. Be **COURTEOUS**: raise your hand, use your best manners.
5. Water permitted in clear containers only.

Also:

Know and use your **school email address** in the following format:

yearofgraduation.first.lastname.@students.carteretk12.org

ex: 17.pepe.lepew@students.carteretk12.org

Grading and Attendance

Grading

- Weighted Categories basis, with tests and projects worth most:
 - Tests/Projects 50%
 - Quizzes 33%
 - Homework/Oral 17%
- Homework assignments and many quizzes to help you stay on top of small chunks of material.
- Bonus points are issued occasionally and up to 5 pt. can be applied to an assignment.
- You will receive a '0' for late work
 - ~ The only exception is long-term assignments where I have seen the work in progress. You will receive half credit if it is turned in a day late and a "0" after that.
- All grades will be posted to Power School. Click on the link on the CHS homepage for access.

Attendance

- Come to class: ***you can still be exempt from the final exam*** in this course:
 - Two or fewer absences in this class—must have 80% average for the semester to be exempt
 - Three absences in this class—must have 90% average for the semester to be exempt
 - Four or more absences—must take final exam
 - **NEW: You must also have 3 or fewer absences in ALL classes**
- If you are absent from class **you are responsible** for making arrangements within **two days** to make up work.
- If you arrive late or leave early from school, you are still responsible for the next day's assignments.
- Assignments will be posted in the classroom for the week and on my web page.

State of NC Requirements

There is no state exam for French I. Instead, three students will be selected at random at the end of the semester by the state. I will submit samples of their work to show their growth.

In case of video or photo samples, each student must have a signed Public Schools of North Carolina Media Use and Release Permission form on file for the year at CHS.

To access my webpage, click on Karen McGuiness under the Faculty-Staff/World Languages page at the school website:

<http://chs-ccs-nc.schoolloop.com>

Or go directly to my website:

<http://kmcguiness.yolasite.com/>

Materials

Text: **C'est à Toi Level One**
C'est à Toi Level One Grammar and Vocabulary Exercises (workbook)

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| * A three-ring binder | * Earphones or ear buds |
| * Notebook paper | * Dry erase marker for personal use |
| * Notebook dividers (3) <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Notes, vocabulary, culture | * Dry erase marker for class use (extra credit) |
| * Blue/black pens or pencils | |

Bonne chance et jouissez du français!

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