

Late French Immersion at École Montgomery Middle

An exceptional
educational choice for
your child ! Opening
doors and minds!



Late French Immersion- Opening NEW doors for you child !

- Dear Parents,
- Want to sign your child up for an exceptional learning opportunity?
- Does your child love languages?
- Are they looking for a new challenge?
- Would you like to provide your child the opportunity to learn a new language, to open doors for job opportunities, travel and higher level-learning?
- Late French Immersion could be the program you are looking for!
- **DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR Late French Immersion for September 2022** is January 12, 2022
- Apply on the main page of the sd43.bc.ca website between Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 9:00am to Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 4:00pm.

What is French Immersion?

- **French Immersion is Intensive instruction** of French as a second language for **non-francophone** children.
- Students complete ALL of their core academic classes IN French. They hear the lessons in French and complete the assignments in French.
- Students continue to participate in Middle School Explorations in English (Music, Drama, Art, Home Arts etc...)
- Students are part of a vibrant and culturally rich French Team.

Where is Monty Middle?

- Nestled in South Coquitlam, Monty Middle School is easily accessed by multiple major bus routes, as well, many of our students arrange for car-pooling with other students in the LFI program.
- Monty Middle is also easily accessed from Port Coquitlam via the Mary Hill Bypass, and from North Coquitlam via Mariner Way.
- Monty Students are within walking distance of multiple Parks and recreation Facilities that include swimming pools, ice rinks, theatres, and other opportunities to enrich and enhance our curriculum.
- Monty students enjoy an extra large building facility with full size Gym, wrestling room and fitness areas. As well as a full size Art room, tech ed room, and home arts cooking areas.
- Monty is surrounded by lots of green space, with 3 large field areas to participate in outdoor play and phys ed activities.

Who we are: Monty Middle School Community

- We are a vibrant, growing, Middle School with multiple enrichment programs that commute to the school.
- Our program has space for 6 French Immersion Classes (2 per grade).
- We also share the space with the district Montessori program.
- As well as our regular English Program from our surrounding feeder schools

What should Late 6 Immersion students expect?

- To hear their teacher using French as the language of instruction.
- To listen to and repeat French words and phrases.
- To be learning most subjects (Eg. Math/ Social Studies/ Science) in French.
- To participate in French whenever possible.
- To review each day.
- To do homework each night.



Introducing Core Subjects in French

Core subjects begin on the first day, at a basic level.
Students can expect to:

- Cover themes that integrate subjects (SS and Language Arts)
- Do primary activities such as cut, paste, label
- Learn the basic French vocabulary structures pertinent to each core subject



**September
& October**

The focus:

- Language acquisition in all subjects
- Students
 - learn to understand and follow directions
 - learn often in groups.
 - Learn to read in French

Vocabulary integrated across subject areas.

November & December

Students begin to use French to talk with their teachers and their peers

Students learn to write simple sentences and to read for information.

Students can answer questions based on their reading and respond to questions and directions in French.

Subject areas are now addressing the Grade 6 learning outcomes.

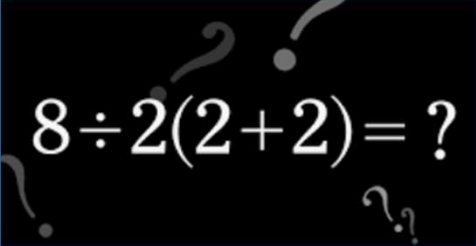




Students use their French to really get into the curriculum:

- French materials used to do research
- Assignments and projects integrate subject areas and always have a French language component
- Students write complex sentences and paragraphs
- Only French is used to communicate in the classroom

January - June

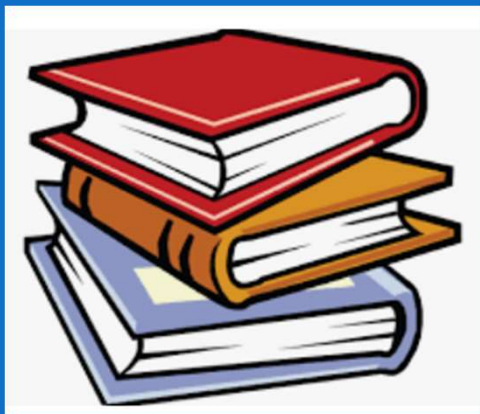

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Maths (Math)

- The numbers look the same
- We learn to say them in French
- We begin with Math vocabulary and practice
- The Math curriculum follows the same program as in English

**Sciences
humaines
(Social Studies)
& Sciences**

- We start with themes and activities to build a vocabulary base
- We do a lot of project-based activities
- As our knowledge and expertise in French improve, our projects become more inquiry-based and more detailed.



English Language Arts Gr 7

- No English Language Arts or E.A.L. in Grade 6
- English Language Arts begins again in Grade 7
- Studies have shown that French Immersion Students do as well as, or better than, their English peers on standardized tests.

Grade 7

What should
LFI 7 students
expect?

- To start the Grade 7 curriculum in French right away in September
- To use only French in the classroom
- To participate actively in French
- To proofread and edit their work
- To use French resources and textbooks



- **Students are expected to do 60-75 minutes of homework every night.**
- **Start developing this habit now with smaller amounts of time.**
- Class work and project work is started in class and is to be finished at home.
- Review every day of the day's work
- Vocabulary introduced in class must be practiced at home.

Grades 8 - 12

- After Grade 8, French Immersion continues in Grades 9-12, leading to a Bilingual Dogwood Diploma
- Grades 9-11: 4 French courses; 4 English courses, including Math and Sciences in English
- Grade 12: 2 French courses; 6 English courses

Parents ask:
**WHAT IS MY
RESPONSIBILITY?**

**I don't
speak
French!**

The key: Be as involved and interested in your child's work as you have always been, even though it's in French.

You can do this by:

- Checking homework daily, helping to ensure study time is consistent and high-quality
- Discussing FreshGrade portfolio weekly
- Checking your child's notebooks, commenting on their organization, neatness, completeness
- Having your child explain some of the work being done.

Working with your child

Try

Try to say some of the words; your child will love to correct your pronunciation

Encourage

Encourage your child to watch online videos suggested by teachers, French television and films, listen to the radio, or read French books.

Volunteer

Volunteer to help with field trips or class activities.

The 5 *real keys* to success in LFI

You must,

- **like French:** you will be learning in French in all your core subjects
- **like to talk:** you will need to participate actively in French every day
- **like challenges and be brave**
- **finish what you start**

LFI works because it's the **STUDENT'S** decision to join, not the parents'



Still have questions about the program? You can email us at Monty Middle !
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