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Core French



A Parent Informational Booklet

outlining the Core French program in Saskatchewan schools
and the importance of learning a second language

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What will students learn?

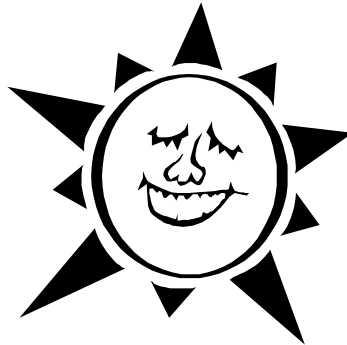
It's fun & motivating!

Students have fun as they create their own **projects** at the end of each unit!

The themes are interesting for students.

Language learning is done through themes leading to a final project.

Students learn by **using** the language as they work in small groups!



Students learn language & vocabulary they **need to know** to do the final project.

Students use technology to learn French.

Students think about what & how they've learned at the end of the unit.

Students participate in a variety of motivating activities including games, songs!

Why study Core French?



◆ Second language learners often perform better in their mother tongue than non-second language students.

◆ The ability to communicate in both French and English broadens student experiences.

◆ Second language learners have a wider command of vocabulary.

◆ Second language learners have to think on their feet – learning, processing and producing information in a variety of situations.

◆ Students who study languages make effective use of verbal and non-verbal clues to grasp the meaning of any situation.

◆ In addition to business & professional opportunities, travel to foreign countries is enhanced by knowing the language of the people.

What is the Core French program in Saskatchewan?

Saskatchewan Education curricula suggest that students begin to learn French at an **early age**. The curriculum guides were prepared assuming a grade one start and recommend the following time allocations for the teaching of Core French:

- ◆ Kindergarten to grade 5 → no less than 30 minutes four times a week
- ◆ Grades 6 – 9 → minimum of 150 minutes per week
- ◆ Grades 10 – 12 → 100 hours per course

How can I help my child?



◆ Encourage your child to be open & tolerant to learning new ways of saying & doing things

◆ Discuss advantages of knowing more than one language

◆ Travel to French-speaking towns in Saskatchewan & elsewhere

◆ Show an interest in the projects your child is doing in Core French class

◆ Attend cultural activities in French in the community

◆ Communicate regularly with the Core French teacher & support him or her in any way you can