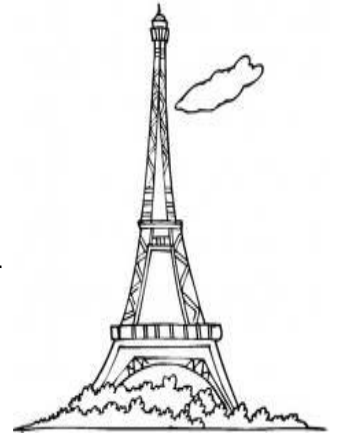


How can I support my child if I don't speak French?

Showing interest in what your child is doing at school and providing encouragement and support is most important. Your attitude will influence how your child sees him/herself as a learner and, in turn, will influence their success. Good development of oral and listening skills in your child's first language will be a good foundation for learning a second language.



Here are some suggestions to help support your child/children in their learning of French:

- Ensure homework is completed, and communicate regularly with the teacher
- Visit the public library, and other city buildings. You will be surprised how many French words you can find in public buildings.
- During a shopping trip, stop and read the labels of food and items in French!
- Go on a French word treasure hunt in your neighbourhood.
- Encourage your child to talk about his/her experiences at school and in French class.
- Ask your child to teach you a new French word each day!
- Encourage your child to read French books, watch French television, listen to French radio and;
- Expose your child to French outside of school through participation in the French arts and French cultural events in the community. The Centre Français de Santé Communautaire is just on Main Street at Wentworth St.
- Playing games of all kinds, at all ages can develop hand-eye coordination, observation and reasoning skills, memory, vocabulary and math skills

A really helpful website:

FSL Homework Toolbox: A site to help students with their French homework, even if you don't speak a word!

<http://www.fslhomeworktoolbox.ca/>

And I am always available for ideas! Check out the links in the sidebar of our blog!

Merci beaucoup!

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