

Strategies

- 👉 DVDs can be played in French. Familiar movies (i.e. Walt Disney, etc.) that your child has already seen are a good place to start. They already know the story, so showing it in French will help them to listen in French. Subtitles can also be useful for students who are reading at a high level to help with French reading comprehension.
- 👉 Word cards around the house to help with word recognition. Label household items with index cards (i.e. "l'ordinateur").
- 👉 To help build vocabulary, create a "word wall" at home to study from and to use for homework in the future.
- 👉 Have your child record themselves reading French words. Play the recording back to your child and have them spell the words.
- 👉 Have your child record themselves reading a book in French. Replay the recording to your child and have them listen to the story and answer questions.



Useful links

- 📖 Black Gold Regional Schools' Engaging Students website (<http://engagingstudents.blackgold.ca/>)
- 📖 Canadian Parents for French Alberta (<http://www.cpfalta.ab.ca>)
- 📖 Alliance Française Edmonton (<http://www.af.ca/edmonton>)
- 📖 Association Canadienne-française de l'Alberta (www.acfa.ab.ca/edmonton)
- 📖 L'Association la Girandole d'Edmonton (www.lagirandole.com)
- 📖 La Cité Francophone (www.lacitefranco.ca)
- 📖 Fédération du sport francophone de l'Alberta (www.lafsfa.ca)
- 📖 L'Uni Théâtre (www.lunitheatre.ca)
- 📖 Société francophone des arts visuels de l'Alberta (www.savacava.com)

French Immersion

What to expect in Kindergarten - Grade 3

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What to expect in the French Immersion Program

- ✓ Enrollment in French Immersion is a long term commitment. Students will benefit from immersion if they remain in the program.
- ✓ The French immersion program was designed for children whose first language is something other than French. Strong organizational skills, positive work habits and dedicated commitment contribute to the success of any program, regardless of the language of instruction or language spoken at home.
- ✓ Good development of oral and listening skills in their first language is particularly important for a young French immersion student (reading to your child in English develops these skills).
- ✓ An elementary immersion student will have the same amount of homework as a student in the English program at the same level, plus homework associated with the French Language Arts program of studies.

Homework Expectations

- ✓ Kindergarten: Weekly home reading, alphabet letters and sounds
- ✓ Grade 1: Daily French reading, French sight words and spelling words, catch-up work if needed
- ✓ Grade 2: Daily French reading, French sight words and spelling words, catch-up work if needed
- ✓ Grade 3: Daily French reading, 20—30 minutes of homework per night, catch-up work if needed



Home Environment

- ◆ Success in school is strongly influenced by activities in the home and community which stimulate a child's imagination and intellect, enhance self-esteem, teach good work habits and provide motivation to learn and succeed.
- ◆ Creating a safe learning environment at home is important in assisting your child in succeeding.
- ◆ Dedicate a set amount of time each night for homework. It doesn't have to be the same time each night.
- ◆ If you do not speak French, a French/English dictionary is useful.
- ◆ Help your child stay organized by using the agenda.

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Resources

- 📖 *Yes, you can help! Information and Inspiration for French Immersion Parents.*, Alberta Education
(<https://education.alberta.ca/parents/resources/youcanhelp.aspx>)
- 📖 French dictionaries
- 📖 French games
- 📖 French videos
- 📖 Scholastic Book Club—in French
- 📖 French CD's or music
- 📖 French books from the public library
- 📖 Canadian Parents for French
- 📖 French summer camps
- 📖 French magazine subscriptions
- 📖 Librairie le Carrefour (780-466-1066)
- 📖 French TV shows (i.e. www.tou.tv or www.radio-canada.ca/jeunesse)
- 📖 French apps
- 📖 French TIC website
(<http://engagingstudents.blackgold.ca/index.php/fi-tic/>)

