

**La Classe de Français III
Mme Corder**



Notes de la Rentrée

Supplies:

- loose leaf paper or spiral with perforations
- folder or binder

However you want to organize your work is fine with me. I will not be checking notebooks in this class. I do expect you to keep track of your work. If you are not particularly organized (i.e., the type that folds your papers and stuffs them in your textbook), then I suggest a folder with pockets. Keep your loose leaf paper on one side and your handouts and papers on the other.

We will not follow the textbook from start to finish. It will be one of several resources used, and the order of chapters will vary. You will always know, however, what we will be studying next and what you need to prepare for any assessments. You should add the TVS French web site to your Favorites/Bookmarks (<http://faculty.trinityvalleyschool.org/french>) as we will make frequent use of it. Most handouts will be posted to the Downloads page. You may also wish to bookmark many of the frequently used sites such as www.conjugemos.com, the Mme Howard French 3 page, www.ultralingua.com, www.turnitin.com and www.wordreference.com.

Bring to Class Every Day (unless instructed otherwise):

- textbook
- grammar workbook
- folder w/ paper
- pen or pencil

Class Rules:

- Come to class prepared.
- Respect everyone in the classroom, including you. Rudeness is expressly prohibited.
- This is French class, not English. Therefore, we speak French in class. You may be permitted to speak English with explicit permission. (“En anglais, s’il vous plait?”) **Please, never go away confused.** If you feel that you have missed something in class because you didn’t understand, please come and speak with me. We’ll get you back on track and keep you from falling behind.
- **Mme Corder’s Cardinal Rule:**
It’s very simple. I understand that in high school, circumstances sometimes occur that prevent you from completing your work. **If you are not prepared for a test or a quiz, or you need more time for an assignment because of some unusual circumstance, speak to me about it privately before class begins.** The quickest route to my temper (other than rudeness) is to ask me in front of the other students as I’m passing out a quiz if you can take it later.

Follow these simple rules and we’ll get along beautifully! ☺

Grading System

Graded assignments are weighted as follows:

Tests/Projects	4-5	Oral presentations/tests	2-3
Online discussion	3	Dictées	1-2
Compositions	3	Daily work	1
Quizzes	2-3		

Grading Criteria

Vocabulary

All vocabulary must be produced in French on quizzes and tests. There will be no word banks, matching or multiple choice for vocabulary (possible exception: mid-term and final exams)

Spelling

First quarter - 1 pt. off for accent or other misspelling.

Second quarter - ½ credit for accent or other misspelling

Second semester - Word must be spelled correctly, with correct placements of accents, or it will be counted wrong.

All conjugated verbs must always be spelled correctly with correct accent marks or they will be counted wrong.

Verb Quizzes

Every week, three verbs will be assigned for a Monday verb quiz. Tenses/moods required will be assigned ahead of time. On the day of the quiz, one verb will be selected to be conjugated in all tenses/moods.

Oral Presentations

There will be a required oral presentation or exam at least once per quarter as follows:

- Quarter 1 – L'Expert(e)
- Quarter 2 – Critique Littéraire
- Quarter 3 – Déclaration de Principe
- Quarter 4 – Présentation Extemporaire

Online Discussion Board

A grade will be given once each quarter based on your participation in the online discussion on www.turnitin.com. You will be required to post a message once a week, beginning the first or second full week of school. These messages will not be graded.

Conversation Candle

The conversation candle will be lit at the beginning of each class period. If anyone in the room speaks English without explicit permission, the candle will be blown out. When the candle burns down, the class will receive a reward and a new candle will be lit.

I hope you enjoy your time in French class this year, and I know that your French skills will increase significantly.