

Suggestions for Parents and Caregivers

1. Prepare your child for school: ensure that they can manage their own jacket and shoes, independently use the washroom, put lunch kit in and out of backpack, and that they are comfortable spending time away from you.
2. Familiarize your child with the school, the playground, the route to and from school, and the routine they will follow in the fall.
3. Expose your child to French so that they can enjoy some familiarity with the sound of the language. Listen and watch French programming such as music, a cartoon and beginner podcasts in the car and at home. Please click on the link below to view the parent resource section.

<https://start.me/p/1kzxbY/kindergarten-resources-for-parents-and-students>

4. Be supportive and speak positively about the program and the teacher. Your attitude will influence your child. The success of the program depends largely on the efforts and the mutual support of all involved.
5. Read picture books to your child in any language and make it fun! Instilling a love of reading will help French literacy skills. Ask us about French books as well!
6. Ask your child to teach you the new French words that they used that day in class.
7. Play number and alphabet games, practice printing their name and counting groups of objects to help with literacy and numeracy skills.
8. Do not compare your child's progress with the neighbour's children. No two teachers and no two students work at the same rate.
9. Prepare your child to be an active participant in class. In French Immersion students are expected to speak in whole class activities, plays and songs.

10. Model and encourage your child to:

- * be courageous in language learning. It takes courage to learn something new!
- * be resilient and have a growth mindset. Falling down or not getting it right is part of the learning process. Success is based on perseverance and hard work.

<https://fs.blog/carol-dweck-mindset/>

- * have good work habits that make the day more enjoyable
- * have a positive attitude about learning something new
- * be curious
- * be a good listener