

French Connection News:



Trimester 2: Où (Where?)

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C'est l'hiver!

Have you visited the World Language Web page lately? You'll find many fun links to our 2nd trimester! Hiawatha families look under Classroom connections, Fleming & Summit under the left sidebar. Bonne Chance!

Le Tour des pays Francophones - Virtual Visit to French-Speaking Countries of the World

Our theme this second trimester of French is Où? or Where? 1st through 5th grade students have been expanding their knowledge of essential communication and improving interpersonal communication skills based on questions such as:

- Où habites-tu? (Where do you live)
- Où habite Grand-mère?
- Quelle est ton adresse?
- Tu es américain? (You are American?)

K students have been working on weather expressions, and all students are developing skills to communicate information about their families.

The focus of our work together has again predominantly been on CCSU World Language Power Standards 1 (Interpersonal Communication), 2 (Interpretive Communication) and 4 (Connections & Comparisons). For more information please visit the district website at: <http://www.ccsvt.org/curriculum-instruction-and-assessment/curriculum/world-language/>

Each week of this trimester includes a brief look at culture in different regions of the French-speaking world. Fleming students are examining Cameroon, Laos, Belgium, Switzerland and Québec. There will be two guest speakers at Summit School in rotation B to add to our cultural exploration, and all students are having a brief look at Carnaval de Québec (see below!) All 1-5th grade students have visited the National Geographic website (accessed from each school's World Language homepage) see:

<http://travel.nationalgeographic.com/travel/countries/>

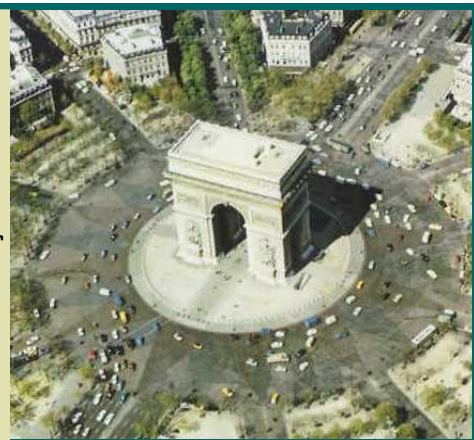
Highlights

- OÙ? WHERE?
- FAMILLE (FAMILY)
- FRENCH AMBASSADOR
- CARNAVAL DE QUÉBEC
- OLYMPICS 2010

Qu'est-ce que c'est?

What is it? Oui! Yes! It is the Arc de Triomphe à Paris. Have you seen this famous Parisien monument on a badge at your home? K-3 students are being recognized for their cooperation, respect, participation and attentiveness in class with a badge naming them:

Ambassador de la France



Qui est-ce? (Who is it?)



Voici (here is) Bonhomme Carnaval, Salut Bonhomme!

Students have watched a video of the Carnaval de Québec— This event takes place every year in Québec during our February school vacation.

Note: I will be on a brief medical leave for the first three weeks of February, returning just after February vacation, but will be available by email at dclayton@cssvt.org. Merci!



Watching the Olympics next month? All information is available en français, just visit: <http://www.vancouver2010.com/fr/>

Try watching some of the television coverage in French, it is the primary language of the Olympic games!