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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been a great pleasure working with your children all year long. We are truly amazed by their progress and resilience throughout this year's challenges. We hope you and your family will manage to enjoy some relaxing time over the summer.

As you may know, summertime can result in a significant loss of academic and language skills when students do **not engage at all** in learning activities. This phenomenon is also known as the **summer slide** or **summer loss**. Research shows that students who **continue** engaging in learning during school breaks will better retain the concepts they have learned during the school year. This is particularly important when it comes to **reading and foreign language skills**.



Engaging in learning does not mean that your child should do math worksheets and study French vocabulary lists every single day of the summer. Learning happens through multiple ways and Summer is the perfect time to make it more fun and explore interests that match your child's own learning style. Engaging in physical activities, hands-on exploration, interacting with siblings or the adults in the house, playing board games, making crafts, cooking, drawing, or singing are a couple of many ways to keep a learning mindset.

To prepare for the next grade level, it is important that your child maintains his/her exposure to French language to minimize language loss. We recommend an average of **10 minutes a day** of exposure to French language. Your child can listen and sing along with French songs, listen to a read-aloud a French book and draw his/her favorite moment, watch a short cartoon and tell you about his/her favorite character, ... You will find a list of recommended websites and suggestions of activities on the next page. We also encourage you to keep track of these daily activities in a document such as [this one](#). It is a good way to keep your child motivated and give him/her a sense of accomplishment. These resources are meant to offer some guidance but as they are optional, the pedagogical team will not be able to provide support during the summer.



We look forward to seeing our students back in August. Have a great summer!

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Name of website (include the link in an hyperlink)	Short description of the type of resources available on this website	Recommended time or number of activities on the website	Recommended complementary activities
Les albums “une journée,” Ecole des Loisirs https://www.ecoledesloisirs.fr/une-journee	This site has several great picture books. Pick a theme and scroll down to the bottom to watch a picture book.	Watch one storybook. Watch it more than once to understand better!	Draw your favorite character and/or your favorite object in the story. You can also tell the story to another person!
Tagatastointsoin https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTIn3goRXqh3WXdXVYQCiNQ	Books read aloud	Watch one video	Draw your favorite character of the story
Monsieurs madame : https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1sCPdz8pa1OSyXw8sdvkg	Cartoons based on books	Watch one video	Draw your favorite character of the story
Le monde des Titounis : https://www.youtube.com/user/ssebastienn	Videos, songs, games on French vocabulary	Watch one video	Click on playlist and choose
Boowa et kwala : http://www.uptoten.com/tablets/fr/	Songs, videos, games, activities	Do one activity	
https://www.logicieleducatif.fr/	Interactives activities in French	Do one activity	Choose “ Maternelle ” (on the top right) and then pick any activity
http://www.toupty.com/	Interactives activities in French to practice letters and numbers	Do one activity	This website includes all-levels. For pre-k, choose the easiest activities.



https://lululataupe.com/2-4-ans/jeux-educatifs	Interactives activities in French to practice letters and numbers	Do one game/activity	
https://www.pommedapi.com/a-ecouter-a-regarder/la-grande-histoire-a-ecouter-de-pomme-dapi	Podcast of short stories for children from 3-6 years old.	Listen to the stories at least twice.	What words do you hear? Listen for words that are repeated throughout the story.
Masha et Michka https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjd32KVfRCl1d9iqo4YZ5A	cartoons	Watch any video	Retell the story, draw the story
Petit Ours Brun https://www.youtube.com/user/petitoursbrunbayard	Cartoons	Listen to the stories	What words do you understand ?
Seesaw	Journal***	Watch one activity	Go to your class' Seesaw and review the videos in the journal***

*****Recommended videos to practice good pencil grip:**

- Simple and short video to start which includes a little rhyme (for right handers):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DP5htYZ5jjQ>

- Simple and short video to start which includes a little rhyme (for left handers) :

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NaS7_uzNAHY&disable_polymer=true

- Forming an efficient tripod grasp with *The Crocodile Snap Song*:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N6kPcQSSsEY>

- Some more ideas for fine motor activities appropriate for this age group:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MD86MGsBd8w>



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