

Dear 8th grade Students and Families,

Welcome to French!

This summer, your child has been invited to complete a project called "**The ABCs of the French-Speaking World.**" Rather than focusing on vocabulary or grammar, this project encourages students to explore the cultures, people, foods, music, geography, history, and traditions of the many places around the world where French is spoken.

Students **are not expected to know French** before beginning this class. Instead, this project is designed to spark curiosity and help students see that French is a global language spoken on several continents.

Students may create their ABC book as a handmade scrapbook, digital presentation, journal, or another creative format. They will research topics that interest them and include illustrations and brief explanations written in English.

To make the project more meaningful, students are also encouraged to include several discoveries from their own summer experiences, such as trying a new food, visiting a museum or bakery, hearing French music, or noticing French words in everyday life.

Most importantly, I hope this project helps students begin the school year excited to learn about the French-speaking world. We look forward to sharing their creative work during the first weeks of school.

Thank you for your encouragement and support. Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Madame Mason

Questions: email me at tmason@cclcs.info

The ABCs of the French-Speaking World

A Summer Discovery Project

Bienvenue!

Welcome to 8th Grade French!

This summer, you'll become a cultural explorer! Before we begin learning the French language, you'll discover the people, places, foods, traditions, music, history, and landmarks that make the French-speaking world so fascinating.

Your mission is to create your own **ABC Book** that showcases what you learned. Be creative, have fun, and make it uniquely yours!

Project Directions

Choose at least 20 letters of the alphabet.

For each letter, choose something connected to the French-speaking world.

Your topic might be:

- a country
- a city
- a famous person
- a landmark
- a food
- an animal
- a celebration
- an invention
- a sport
- an artist
- music
- fashion
- history
- nature
- anything connected to French-speaking cultures

Each page should include:

✓ The letter

✓ Your chosen word

✓ A colorful illustration

- hand drawn
- photograph
- digital artwork
- collage

✓ 3-5 sentences (in **English**) explaining:

- What is it?
- Why is it important?
- What did you learn?
- Why did you choose it?

✓ One interesting fact.

★ Summer Discovery Challenge ★

Include **at least THREE entries** that you actually experienced during your summer.

Examples:

- Tried a croissant or another French-inspired food
- Visited a bakery
- Saw French words while shopping
- Listened to French music
- Visited a museum
- Watched part of a movie set in France
- Found something made in a French-speaking country

These pages can include photos of **your own experiences!**

Ideas for Presentation

Choose the format that fits your style.

- 📖 Handmade book
- 📓 Scrapbook
- 💻 Google Slides
- 🎨 Poster book
- 📱 Canva presentation
- 📁 Binder
- ✂️ Mixed-media journal

Sample Page

Q - Québec



Québec is a French-speaking province in Canada. Millions of people speak French there every day. I chose Québec because I didn't know French was spoken outside of Europe. I would love to visit Québec City someday.

Interesting Fact: Québec is the largest French-speaking region in North America.

Rubric (100 Points)

Completed at least 20 letters	Up to 40 points
Accurate information	20
Creativity & originality	20
Quality of illustrations	10
Organization & neatness	10