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Dear Parents,

Many students are interested in keeping up their French studies over the summer. Here are some suggestions about how to do so:

Websites and social media - Listening to music is a painless way to develop an ear for the language, expand vocabulary and improve pronunciation. On this website you can set the language preference to French and sing along karaoke-style with French music from pop and rap to Disney hits. Or choose fill-in-the-blank mode and identify the correct French words heard. [Lyrics Training](#)

Students of all ages can improve their comprehension through simple stories presented in a series called "[French the Natural Way](#)".

[Quizlet.com](#) Grades 2 and above can go to their class Quizlet site and review vocabulary. Don't forget to use the sound! (Grades 2 and 3 go to Quizlet and search "MadameChristie".)

Younger students will enjoy watching the YouTube Channel [Bonjour Tonton!](#) . In these videos, a French teacher and her turtle puppet teach simple French vocabulary and songs. Also for younger students is [Le monde des Titounis - J'apprends le français](#).

Find classic fables in French at [the fable cottage](#) and animated read-along books in French at [French books on YouTube](#).

The following list of YouTube and Instagram accounts may have something to interest middle school French students. Parents should preview for age-appropriateness first. [Youtube and Instagram accounts](#).

Apps - The **Duolingo** app is popular with 5th-8th graders. Students in grades 3 and above may enjoy **Think Bilingual! Learn by Doing**. Both have free versions on iTunes.

Films and television - Rewatching a familiar story in French is a great way to get in more time with the language. Movies and shows on Netflix can sometimes be set to French language. Examples are: *Miraculous: Tales of Ladybug and Cat Noir*, *The Adventures of Puss and Boots*, *Fuller House*, *All Hail King Julien*, *Anne with an "E"*, *Ernest and Celestine*, *Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events*, and many more. Popular children's cartoons can also often be found in French on Youtube, such as *Caillou*, *Peppa Pig*, *Didou dessine-moi une histoire*.

Bonnes vacances, tout le monde!

Cordially,
Madame Christie and Madame Douliery