Dear Students and 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 - Lyrics Training 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.

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.

Music - Middle schoolers may enjoy relistening to past songs from vendredi musique on these Spotify playlists 1 and 2.

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, Pocoyo, Didou dessine-moi une histoire.

Bonnes vacances, tout le monde!

Cordially,
Madame Christie and Madame Douliery