

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FOUNDATION YEARS

GENERAL OBJECTIVE

The Elementary School's goal is to enable students to become both bilingual and biliterate through a well-balanced program of language instruction, interdisciplinary teaching and subject specialists. The school provides an environment that encourages academic excellence and offers opportunities to excel in art, music, technology, and physical education.

FRENCH IMMERSION K-GR. 2

Our early French Immersion Program from Kindergarten to Grade 2 builds upon the belief that young children acquire a second language with ease and are able to use the language as a means of communicating their ideas, feelings, and opinions in an authentic environment. Language is learned naturally and with a positive attitude in a setting that requires the learner's active participation.

KINDERGARTEN

The Selwyn House full-day Kindergarten program is designed to help students learn about themselves and interact effectively and appropriately with others. It provides a solid preparation for our Grade 1 program. Class size is from 12 to 15 students per class. English language activities take place daily. Physical education is taught six times per 10-day cycle (40-minute periods). Children regularly visit the library and computer labs.

GRADES 1 & 2

The primary objective of the Grades 1 & 2 French Immersion Program is to learn how to read and write in French while continuing to encourage active participation in listening and speaking activities to develop oral fluency. Social studies, science, language arts, art and music are taught through an interdisciplinary approach in order to provide a meaningful experience. The English Language Arts Program offers an environment that maximizes the child's existing knowledge and skills. He will be given every opportunity to engage in the learning of the English language through listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

BILITERACY YEARS GR. 3-GR. 6

Our Grades 3 to 6 Biteracy Program provides an opportunity for the development of a strong and solid foundation in English and French oral, reading and writing skills. The same amount of instructional time is allocated to both English and French language arts. Science, music (in Grades 1 to 4), and art are taught in French throughout the Elementary School years.

MATHEMATICS

Challenging Mathematics is taught in English from Grades 1 to 6. This program employs a constructivist approach to mathematics. The students come to understand the concepts through experience, manipulation of materials, and engagement in problem solving. Our objective is to promote mathematical thinking, allowing students to use effectively the mathematics in their command.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

The Elementary School works under a band system, which provides age-appropriate activities within the Elementary School and encourages teamwork through special band assemblies, field trips, and interclass activities. There are three bands: Band A (K and Gr. 1 & 2), Band B (Gr. 3 & 4), and Band C (Gr. 5 & 6). We also offer the Learning Co-op Program which is used for either enrichment or remedial purposes in both English and French. Students also participate in community service, field trips, carnivals, school plays, essay and creative writing contests, mathematics competitions, *Génies en herbe* and *Expo-Sciences Bell*, which are activities providing meaningful learning opportunities. Computers from the computer lab and laptops are used as tools to enhance learning, and online learning and multimedia projects are in evidence in every classroom and subject area.

CURRICULUM 2011-2012 - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN

FRENCH IMMERSION

- French homeroom
- Integrated English Language Arts
- Français*

- Mathématiques*
- Sciences*
- Sciences humaines*
- Arts plastiques*
- Informatique*
- Musique*
- Learning Co-op (French & English) (enrichment and remedial)

GRADES 1 AND 2

FRENCH IMMERSION

- French homeroom
- Integrated English Language Arts
- Français*

- Mathematics
- Sciences*
- Sciences humaines*
- Arts plastiques*
- Informatique*
- Musique*
- Learning Co-op (French & English) (enrichment and remedial)

GRADES 3 AND 4

BILITERACY PROGRAM

- English homeroom
- English Language Arts
- Français*

- Mathematics
- Sciences*
- Social Studies
- Art*
- Computer Science
- Musique*
- Learning Co-op (French & English) (enrichment and remedial)

GRADES 5 AND 6

BILITERACY PROGRAM

- English homeroom (Gr. 6)
- French homeroom (Gr. 5)
- English Language Arts
- Français*

- Mathematics
- Sciences*
- Sciences humaines*
- Informatique* (Gr. 5)
- Computer Science (Gr. 6)
- Learning Co-op (French & English) (enrichment and remedial)

GRADE 5

- Art *
- Music (Jazz Band)

GRADE 6

- Options:
- Art*/Drama
 - Music (Jazz Band)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Co-operative games
- Expression
- Locomotion
- Mobility
- Object manipulation

- Co-operative games
- Fitness testing
- House games
- Low-organization games
- Non-manipulative and manipulative activities
- Skating

- Basketball
- Fitness testing
- House games
- Skating
- Soccer
- Softball
- Track & Field

- Basketball
- Combatives
- Fitness testing
- Gymnastics
- Hockey
- Track & Field
- House games
- Rugby
- Football
- Soccer
- Softball

*Course taught in French. Cours enseigné en français.