

La Petite Ecole

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Pre-Kindergarten / Maternelle Moyenne Section

4 to 5 years old

Overview of skills to be acquired by the end of the school year

Language:

- Is able to carry on a conversation in French
- Understands what is being asked of him/herself in class
- Can explain what he/she is doing or what another student is doing
- Recalls a class event and is able to talk about it
- Understands a story being read in French (by mid second semester)
- Learns up to 20 new songs and nursery rhymes
- Recognizes a road sign, a poster, a recipe and knows what they are used for
- Can talk about a story in his/her own words in French
- Writes his/her name in capital letters and in cursive
- Copies other words using capital letters and cursive by the end of the year
- Copies simple patterns and represents objects or people (real or imaginary)
- Recognizes his/her name written in capital letters and in cursive
- Can recite the alphabet and write the letters being dictated to him/her

Working with one's body:

- Runs, jumps and throws in different ways
- Wrestles
- Learns how to participate in a game and follows rules
- Expresses (with his /her body) images, characters, feelings
- Communicates feelings and emotions with his/her body
- Moves freely following a simple musical rhythm
- Rides a bicycle without training wheels
- Roller blades and ice skates
- Can keep his/her balance
- Races to beat his/her own record

Discovering the world around us: (Science, Technology and Math)

- Groups objects together by number or similar qualities and uses
- Knows to associate a sense with a corresponding organ
- Puts together the parts of his/her body, or the parts of a plant or animal
- Knows the rules of simple hygiene

- Understands potential dangers in the street / home / playground
- Learns the days of the week, the months, the seasons, important holidays
- Can anticipate future events and think back to past events
- Knows where things belong and that there is a special place for some things
- Can enumerate and sort groups of objects
- Is able to finish a 15- 25 piece puzzle
- Recognizes quantities from 1 to 10
- Correctly counts out loud a quantity of objects to 30
- Recognizes simple shapes like circles, triangles, rectangles, squares
- Learns his/her colors and the result of mixing the primary colors

Classroom Life:

- Is able to retain his/her own identity while interacting with others
- Identifies and recognizes the roles of the adults present at the school
- Respects school rules
- Participates in school “chores” (feeding the animals, setting the table...)

Art and Music:

- Understands that different materials can be used for different artistic expressions
- Can choose between several games and materials he or she is familiar with
- Enjoys creating with art or with music
- Can work with others on a common project
- Memorizes songs and poems
- Keep tempo and tune
- Look at pictures and talk about them and say how he/she feels about them
- Have the opportunity to try many different mediums for art: painting, drawing, gluing, clay...

This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but a glimpse of what your child will be exposed to during his/her second year of French Pre-Kindergarten at La Petite Ecole!