

Iyanla Ayité came into my gifted and talented Kindergarten class speaking two languages, French and English. As a teacher this is a wonderful talent to see in such a young child. From my experience and Master's level courses in bilingual education, learning another language is like exercise to the brain. Many children that learn a foreign language early on seem to be equipped with higher level skills and abilities. This seemed to be the case with Iyanla. She was very well prepared for Kindergarten and she held many skills teachers wish all students came to school with. She was already reading in French and very prepared to read in English. Just after several weeks Iyanla was able to read and write in English and she was performing well in all areas. Currently Iyanla continues to excel and advance in all content areas. I attribute much of her success to her experience at La Petite Ecole.

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