

# Help your child be successful in French Immersion

## *A tip sheet for parents of students in all grades*



### **Be enthusiastic and positive**

- Talk about the importance of learning and experiencing a second language
- Encourage your child
- Recognize that learning a second language is not easy
- Model confidence in the learning process - learn with your child!

### **Promote learning in your first-language**

- Having a strong foundation in the language you speak at home is key to learning an additional language
- Skills can transfer from one language to another
- Read to and with your child
- Play word games
- Have discussions at the dinner table
- Write e-mails or texts to each other - Model writing in complete sentences.
- Talk, talk, talk, .... and talk some more with your child!

### **Ask your child to be the teacher**

- Label objects around the house in English and have your child label the same objects in French
- Play classic board games in French - ask your child to explain the rules
- Ask your child to read to a younger sibling

### **Expose your child to the language**

- Show your child that French exists outside of the classroom
- Watch t.v or listen to the radio in French
- Borrow French books from the library
- Attend French cultural events in your community

### **Homework**

- Listen to your child read in both French and English
- Ask questions about the books your child reads
- <https://youtu.be/korfvEQQb14> (Nightly reading homework: Best Practices for parents video)



Sources: PEI Public Schools Branch website- resources for parents <https://edu.princeedwardisland.ca/psb/www.halifaxlearning.com/blog/bid76757/french-immersion-help-for-english-parents>

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