

Question Corner

Q –“Will my child be able to speak French as well as read, write and understand it?” 

A – All students learning French are expected to develop skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The Core French program is intended to help students develop a usable command of the language, while French Immersion, which offers more hours of instruction in French, provide opportunities for students to develop greater fluency. As in any other subject, the level of achievement will differ depending on the child.

There are many factors that influence the level of proficiency attained, but students normally progress from being able to use very simple language about themselves and familiar situations to being able to communicate about a broader range of topics, using and understanding increasingly complex language structures. Generally, the more FSL courses taken, the higher the degree of fluency and accuracy attained. 😊

Did you know?? 

“In Early Immersion programs, students gain fluency and literacy in French at no apparent cost to their English academic skills. Within a year of the introduction of formal English language arts students catch up in most aspects of English standardized test performance.”

(Cummins, 1998, p. 34)