Séance 2

This week at French club we did the following:

Explained how important it is to be à l’heure = on time.
   We start the Muzzy video at exactly 7:45.
   When everyone is on time we get to play an extra game.
   Kids that are early get their name on the board and get to choose first.

Explained some new vocabulary. When I have time to prepare it, you can find a recording of this on the web site. I encourage you and your child to listen to it and repeat the vocabulary with the recording.
   Ça va ? = How’s it going?
   Ça va bien. = It’s going well.
   Ça va mal. = It’s going poorly.
   Je suis grand = I am big.
   Je suis petit = I am small.
   Un crocodile = A crocodile.
   Un éléphant = An elephant.
   Un serpent = A snake.
   Un chameau = A camel.
   Je suis un crocodile. = I am a crocodile.
   Je suis un éléphant. = I am an elephant.
   Je suis un serpent. = I am a snake.
   Je suis un chameau. = I am a camel.
   Je fais comme ça. = I go like this.
   La jungle. = The jungle.
   Repeter = Repeat.
   Posez les pieds par terre = Put your feet on the ground.

We counted all the étoiles = stars that everyone collected on their homework sheet by saying bonjour and ça va to their friends and family.
   You can review the numbers with the recording.

We explained how to say « Happy Birthday ». I did not fully explain the take home activity.
   Guess the name of the month in each box and write it in English.
   There is a picture with a clue in each box.
   In the box for the month that your birthday is in, write « Mon anniversaire ».
   In that box, write the number in words for the date of your birthday.
   Optional extra writing activity for 3rd graders:
   Write out the full sentence in the box:
      Mon anniversaire est le dix-huit juin.
      My birthday is the 18th of June.
   Add some extra sentences for other friends and family.
      L’anniversaire de mon Papa est le vingt-six août.
The birthday of my Papa is the 26th of August.
L’anniversaire de ma Maman est le ving-cinq septembre.
The birthday of my Mamais the 25th of Septembre.
L’anniversaire de mon frère est le six juillet.
The birthday of my brother is the 6th of July.
L’anniversaire de ma sœur est le vingt-sept novembre.
The birthday of my sister is the 27th of Novembre.
L’anniversaire de mon ami Sophie est le neuf janvier.
The birthday of my friend Sophie is the 9th of January.
L’anniversaire de mon ami Sophie est le neuf janvier.

We played a game called La jungle = The jungle, in the gym.
Each person was assigned to be an animal, either un chameau, un éléphant, un serpent, or un crocodile. When I said the name of their animal, they had to run around the circle and back to their place.

The Wednesday class watched the Muzzy video. Here is the vocabulary from the video.
Comment allez-vous ? = How are you ?
Je suis le Roi. = I am the King.
Je suis le Roi de Gondolie. = I am the king of Gondolie.
Comment allez-vous ? = How are you ?
Je suis la Reine. = I am the Queen.
Je suis le jardinier. = I am the gardener.
Merci, Corvax. = Thank you, Corvax.
Le grand Muzzy. = Big Muzzy.
Bonjour = Hello or Good day or Good morning or Good afternoon.
Bonsoir = Good evening.
Bonne nuit. = Good night.

We sang the song
Un éléphant, ça trompe.

Note about takehome activities:
If your child forgets to do their take home activity, they can always do it for the following week. For activities that involve writing, please feel free to do the writing for your child, depending on their abilities.

Note to parents: I try to do more or less the same thing in both sessions, always trying to adapt the activities to the pace of the individual children depending on their age, and trying to challenge a little further children that have been in French club before. Because there are always new French club members and returning French club members in each class, we necessarily review some concepts that some kids have seen before. I change the
theme every semester, so there is always a new context to apply what they know already as well as new vocabulary to learn. Please don’t feel that they are not learning anything when it is their third time in French club and once again I’m explaining to them « Bonjour » and « Je m’appelle ». If you recall when your child was learning English, they didn’t stop saying Hello the week after they learned it. Going over things they know gives the experienced ones more confidence, and gives a great motivational example to the new kids. It’s much better that other kids are the example, not always the teacher! Because of their confidence, they also often dare to try to say new things and add to the sentences to make them more complicated on their own.

Also, sometimes we don’t get to everything in both classes, either because I prepare more than can be done in one session, or because something comes up spontaneously in one session. For example, once a child brought in a French book they had at home about a dog, so instead of my planned activity of going over the words for several types of animals, we spent the whole time acting out being dogs and going through the vocabulary in the book. This week we didn’t get to the maps of Paris-Dakar and the pictures of the moto and voiture, and the Friday class didn’t watch the video. Don’t worry, we’ll get to it eventually.

Don’t worry if your child doesn’t understand all the vocabulary in the video right away. We watch it from the beginning several times, each time going on to a few more scenes. The interesting thing about the video is there is enough repetition of the vocabulary in the video and good illustrations so that the kids have a good idea what is going on even if they don’t get all the vocabulary the first time.
Ça va bien! 😊
Ça va mal! 😞
Ça va bien! 😊
Ça va mal! 😞
Guess the names of the months that are written below in French. Write “mon anniversaire” in the box for the month when your birthday is. Write the number for the day of the month when your birthday is in the box.

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