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Elles sont = They are (all girls)
Ils est = They are (boys and girls)
J’ai une moto. = I have a motorcycle.
J’ai une carte. = I have a map.
J’ai un sac. = I have a sac.
C’est à qui, le sac à dos ? + Whose is it, this backpack?
C’est à toi ? = Is it yours ?
C’est à moi. = It is mine.
Je vais à Paris = I go to Paris.
Je vais en France. = I go to France.
Je vais à la mer Méditerranée. = I go to the Mediterranean Sea.
Je vais en Algérie. = I go to Algeria.
Un poisson = a fish
Un pêcheur = a fisherman
Un filet = a net.
C’est un guépard = It’s a cheetah.
C’est un ours = It’s a bear.
C’est perroquet = It’s a parrot.

Explained the take-home activity, to go to the Feast of the Hunters’ Moon and try to do some of the French activities listed on the sheet. If you can’t go, look at the pictures on the web and talk to some of your friends that went.

The Wednesday group had an additional take-home activity. The children should decide what type of vehicle they would take if they were going to go in the Paris-Dakar road race. They should circle the vehicle they would like to take, and color the pictures of the different vehicles. Then they should write on the lines below the appropriate words for the type of vehicle they have.

J’ai une moto = I have a motorcycle.
J’ai un camion = I have a truck.
J’ai une voiture = I have a car.
J’ai un camion d’assistance = I have an assistance truck.
(Yes the assistance trucks with all the supplies for crossing the desert, spare parts, tracking equipment and support team also participate in the race.)
If they are interested in having more than one type of vehicle they should first write
J’ai une équipe = I have a team.
and then they can write sentences for as many vehicles as they like.
They should write some ideas of things they would have with them on the trip.
If you are very ambitious, you could translate the names of these items (a handy on-line translator is http://babelfish/altavista.com) and then write phrases like :
J’ai une carte = I have a map.
J’ai une roue de secours = I have a spare tire.
The Wednesday group played the game poisson-pêcheur (Fish and fishermen). We had more than seven people on time at French club today so they got to play a game of their choice, and this is one of their favorites. The pêcheurs count to a number and then drop their filet (their nets) and try to catch the poissons.

The Friday group had a discussion about wild animals and in particular those wild animals that were in the Jack Hannah show at Purdue, which many of the kids had happened to see.
Activité pour la maison

Decide what kind of vehicle you want to ride in when you go in the race from Paris to Dakar. Circle the vehicle, color it, and below it write one of the following:

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J’ai ______  ____________________

If you want more than one vehicle, then you will need a team. Then write:

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Then you can write “I have a ….” as many times as you want.

J’ai ______  ____________________

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Draw some things below you want to take with you for the race.