

## WHY LEARN FRENCH?

### Learning (French as) a second language at an early age ...

- ✓ Has a positive effect on intellectual growth.
- ✓ Leaves students with more flexibility in thinking, greater sensitivity to language and a better ear for listening.
- ✓ Improves students' understanding of their native language and culture.
- ✓ Improves students' understanding of their country's history, development and politics.
- ✓ Opens the door to other cultures and helps a child understand and appreciate people from other countries.
- ✓ Gives students a head start in language requirements for post-secondary education.
- ✓ Increases job opportunities in the many careers where knowing another language is an asset.
- ✓ Develops students' lifelong ability to communicate with more people.
- ✓ Improves overall school performance and develops superior problem-solving skills.
- ✓ Helps students to score (statistically) higher on standardized tests conducted in English.
- ✓ Makes students more creative and better at solving complex problems.
- ✓ Makes students faster at solving cognitive tasks.
- ✓ Slows down mental decline.
- ✓ Enhances our country's economic competitiveness abroad, improves global communication, and maintains our political and security interests.

### Now ... what are the advantages of being unilingual?