**Items discussed on September 24th evening**.

1. ***Glance at the program ( long orange sheet that went home)***

* Block 1 takes 20 weeks instead of 12 weeks to ensure a good solid base in French
* Invisible Forces and Poetry have been removed from English blocks
* Integrated subjects start in January such as Science and Social Studies

1. **How is your child adapting to French Immersion?**

* They may seem mentally exhausted because learning a second language requires good listening skills for a long period of time and coping skills to understand the message. (This is why it requires O voices – 0 voix for a big part of their day) ☺
* A few strategies used when they don’t understand: Je ne comprends pas. Comment dit-on?
* I am training my students to listen with their whole body and develop skills on how to listen to others.

1. ***Homework***

* Reading logs start in October, simply put initials on calendar.
* Reading in French and in English each night is very important!
* Books in French are the French conversations reviewed in class.
* Some parents were wondering how they can help if they do not know French. Simply listen to your child read, should he or she get stuck on words, jot down the words in agenda and I will help out the next morning.
* You can still verify their comprehension by asking questions in English. (I will post on my page some examples of questions.)
* Leveled books will start coming home in November along with Guided Reading books. When it’s a Guided Reading book; the title will be indicated in agenda such as **L.G. and title**.
* Homework, pictures, videos, websites and important dates will be posted in on my Teacher page on school website : tfes.nbed.nb.ca Mme Sophie
* Mrs. Chapman will also post information on my teacher page
* All class newsletters will be posted on my page
* No math will be going home (except a few games), however, should you want extra practice sheets for home just ask and I can provide that. Good practice for Math are the websites provided on my page.

1. ***Leveled books and progress report***

* Every child starts at A and can stay there for a long period of time to ensure they attain good read behaviors such good comprehension strategies and being able to respond in complete sentences.
* A reminder that a level does not reflect a mark on report card but rather their skills in reading.
* A progress report will be sent home along with work at end of January or first week of February as it is a long stretch between November report card and March.

***Any other questions or specific concerns about your child or routines, don’t hesitate to contact me at school 547-2215 and I will return your call and make myself available for a meeting after school.***

***Thanks,***

***Mme Sophie***

***I’m wishing your child and your family a great 2015-2016 school year. ☺***

***Ps: For parents who attended the meeting, I am also giving you a copy as a written reminder. ☺***