**Hillsborough Middle School**

**French 1B**

**2014-2015**

Chers/Chères élèves,

 Welcome to French 1B for the 2014-2015 school year. French 1B is designed to cover the second half of a high school level 1 CP program. We will cover the same topics as covered in a high school level 1 course as well as other topics and themes related to France, the French language, culture and literature and the Francophone World (countries where the French language is spoken).

 During the school year, you will be asked to listen to native and non-native French speakers, write short dialogues, stories and compositions, write short informal emails or letters, develop your listening skills, and most importantly, practice your conversational skills. Keep in mind that even though you are in middle school, this is similar to a level 1 high school course. CP French 1B will be more rigorous than French in 5th, 6th and 7th grade in that you will learn more vocabulary and phrases. You will put into practice what you learned in 5th, 6th and 7th grade French on top of what you will learn in CP French 1B (8th grade French).

 To learn the language, you will need to practice and study so that you can store newly learned vocabulary, phrases and grammar concepts in long-term memory and be able to recall this information. During the second week of school, you will be given a preliminary assignment, which will help me see how much French you have acquired from 7th grade French. More information will be forthcoming on this assignment.

I look forward to working with you and having a successful school year.

Cordialement,

Professeur Dommar