



**FRENCH-AMERICAN SCHOOL
OF RHODE ISLAND**
learning through languages

Updates from Ms. Talarico: September 11, 2013

Positive reinforcement of good behavior

Very soon, we will start a new way of rewarding our students for their good behavior. I will explain how it will work at Back to School Night!

Indoor recess

We are committed to providing a healthy, safe environment where our students can get exercise during the school day. Whenever possible, we bring them outdoors to play in the fresh air. On occasional days, when the New England weather prevents this, we will hold recess inside. With safety in mind, we have made a few changes this year in how we structure indoor recess.

- One side of the auditorium will be reserved for quiet activities, such as board games, arts and crafts, puzzles, *le facteur*, *un-deux-trois soleil* etc.
- We will have active, organized games on the other side of the room to allow students to move around and play.

In addition, the classes will rotate to limit the number of children in the auditorium at any one time. Depending on the days of the week, one class will remain in their classroom.

Evaluations Nationales

This week, students in 3rd and 6th grade are taking a French test in French language arts and math to evaluate their level. This test is taken in France at the end of second grade or at the beginning of third grade, as well as at the end of fifth grade or at the beginning of sixth grade.

Data collected will enable teachers to be fully aware of their student's needs. It will help them plan accordingly for the year with each student in mind.

Back to School Night

We are looking forward to meeting you tomorrow evening, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

September 11

This morning, our school observed one minute of silence in remembrance.