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RE: *French Sounds* Summary Assessment

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to recommend *French Sounds* developed by Watermelon Works as an instructional tool for use in French as a Second Language instruction.

French Sounds applies letter and sound matching to create a very effective tool for developing young beginning learners' reading and pronunciation skills in French as a Second Language. The creator, Jenny Gray, holds a university degree in French Linguistics, and has based *French Sounds* on a judicious selection of the French phonemes and spellings that tend to pose the most significant difficulties for beginners (from vowel sounds with multiple spellings to frequent silent consonant letters), and provides learners with activities, both individual and collaborative, that reinforce associations between letters and sounds, allowing them to build for themselves almost effortlessly a solid foundation for future development of language proficiency, while having fun at the same time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Tennant". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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