



Overview of Emerson Academy's Bilingual and French Immersion Curriculum Design

Emerson Academy is Durham Region's only fully Bilingual Montessori and French Immersion Private Elementary School. Unlike curriculum models where French is taught as a second language for an hour a day, at our school, French is the language of instruction across subjects and activities for a minimum of 50% of every day.

At the Toddler level, this is achieved through the caring, bilingual, Montessori-trained teachers who engage and guide your child through daily activities in both English and French.

Casa students split their day between two dedicated environments; spending mornings interacting with uniquely French Montessori materials and educators in one classroom, and learning similarly in the adjacent English language room each afternoon.

Finally, the remarkable reading, writing and comprehension skills that your child obtains in our bilingual preschool programs springboards them towards even greater academic success as they enter our **enriched and engaging full French Immersion Elementary School in grade one.**

Giving Your Child the Benefit of a Bilingual Education

Research Demonstrates that the Benefits of Bilingualism are Many and Multi-Faceted

- In Canada, employment rates are higher for French/English bilinguals than monolinguals.
- Canadians who speak both official languages have a median income nearly 10% higher than that of those who speak English only, and 40% higher than that of those who speak French only.
- Learning a second language does not impede normal language or speech development, and may even help facilitate better pronunciation and comprehension, especially when commenced during the critical period between nine months and four years of age. In fact, by age three, most children have learned 70% of the vocabulary that they will use as adults.
- It is currently estimated that approximately two-thirds (66%) of the world population is fluent in at least two languages.
- Children who speak more than one language demonstrate superior control, attention, focus and strategizing skills, which positively impacts both their academic and their social future.
- Bilingual individuals have also been shown to be more creative and better at planning and solving complex problems than monolinguals.
- The earlier the acquisition of two languages begins, the more likely it is that learners will acquire native-like language skills. Also, a bilingual advantage is unlikely to occur in individuals who have only taken a foreign language course and use it infrequently.

THE EMERSON EFFECT

At Emerson Academy, we give your child the best of both worlds: The Montessori Method combined with a truly bilingual education.

We offer an individualized, enriched education experience born of small classes and gifted English / French teachers.

New and existing parents can take advantage of weekly Bilingual Summer Camp sessions to introduce or reinforce French language learning

Parents are not required to be able to understand or speak French in order to support their child's success. Homework can be completed at school and all communication pieces sent home are written in English



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