

Open House:

Saturday February 20 & April 17
(2:00pm - 4:00)

We offer Toddler Classes, Preschool, PreK and K (1/2 day)

Summer Camps:

The week of July 12 - 16
(9:00am - Noon)
Children Ages 3 - 6

Located in southwest Columbia, in the state of Missouri, **La Petite Ecole** is a not-for-profit organization which provides early education to children ages 2-6 in a French immersion setting.

According to the latest research, we know that the language center in the brain undergoes the greatest development in the first years of life. If a child is casually exposed to a second language at a young age, he will learn to speak both languages easily, with the accent he hears around him, and will easily switch between the languages learned. By participating in this unique program, your preschooler will not only become fluent in French, he/she will speak it with a native accent, which is next to impossible to achieve when learning a foreign language at a later age.

Furthermore, it is known that learning a second language develops neurological pathways that are not stimulated in any other way. Therefore, learning a second language at a young age not only gives children the ability to communicate in that language, it also helps them become better "thinkers" and "problem-solvers", thus giving them an uncontested advantage over their peers.

At **La Petite Ecole**, your child will not only develop the skills traditionally taught in preschool, he will have the added bonus of becoming bilingual and grow to appreciate other cultures. In a global community, sensitivity to people who are different than us is a most valuable skill for a successful life.