

# The Carden School of Fresno

## Junior Kindergarten French

From preschool through eighth grade, the French curriculum at the Carden School of Fresno reflects Miss Carden's philosophy by preserving the "joy" of understanding and learning in a motivating and supportive atmosphere, giving students a true sense of their achievement by involving them in real and meaningful communication, and helping them becoming autonomous learners. The French program at Carden School-Fresno aims to integrate Miss Carden's philosophy with up-to-date methods based on brain research and second language acquisition so that the students are well prepared for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

In Junior Kindergarten, the objectives of the course are more specifically for children to make sense of the language through sounds and visual messages and to concentrate on the musicality of the language. Students listen to stories, play games and learn songs to develop their aural/oral skills.

### **French Schedule**

JK students receive 30 minutes of French instruction twice a week.

### **Curriculum**

French is the language of communication in the classroom. By the end of the year, most children are able to recognize the vocabulary listed below and use words in answer to a prompt. They are able to follow the teacher's instructions, and understand the gist of a story. Keep in mind that the level of the children's comprehension is higher than their ability to express themselves.

Greetings

Simple commands

Flag salute

Colors

Numbers: 1-12

Days of the week

Alphabet

Vocabulary: animals, toys, parts of body, clothes, verbs of motion, fruits

### **Grading**

You child will be receiving a participation grade reflecting his/her active involvement in the lessons:

Participation	50%
Behavior	50%

In conclusion, I will teach and value your child. I will be available to you, the parents, in order to discuss your child's progress or any problems that we might have. Please leave a message with the office should you have any questions. I will return your call as soon as possible. We have a common interest: your child. Let's support one another so he/she can grow as an individual and become a productive member of the world community. May our children become lifelong French language learners.

Sincerely,

*Mme. Vang*