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Northwestern Middle School

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Bienvenue!

I can discuss uses of French world-wide, course expectations and consequences, and grading procedures.

Introduction:

In today's world, French is an international language spoken daily by more than 100 million people. French is understood by another 100 million in many countries and regions of the globe. It is a language that broadens your horizons and opens doors to a world of new experiences and opportunities. It is the language of the Olympics, of international politics, and of many important World Aid organizations. French is truly an international language with many worldwide uses.

Materials used:

Vocabulary and information sheets will be provided daily for the students. Student folders will hold all important information, since only a classroom textbook will be used occasionally. This folder will be used each day in class, and will serve as a very important resource.

Topics covered in 7th grade:

During this Introduction to French Language class, students will discuss cultural and linguistic aspects of the Francophone world. Students will cover these topics during the course of the semester:

- Simple French conversational vocabulary, greetings, introductions, & good-byes (*La Politesse*)
- Everyday life (*La Vie Quotidienne*), Numbers (*Les Numéros*), Colors (*Les Couleurs*)
- Days of the Week/Months of the Year (*Les Jours de la Semaine/Les Mois de l'Année*)
- Dates and Birthdays (*Les Dates et Les Anniversaires*)
- French Cafés (*Les Cafés Français*), Tourism in Paris (*Le Tourisme en Paris*)

Required Classroom Materials:

The following items are required for class by the above due date. They are not optional. These school supply items should be kept with the student. ***Should there be a serious financial situation, it is the student's responsibility to privately notify me immediately.***

- 1 pockets and prongs folder (this must be used for French class only)
- pens, pencils, and a highlighter to be kept in the child's binder at all times
- Boys → Last name A-M - 1 new box of tissues,
Last name N-Z - 1 new container of disinfectant wipes
- Girls → Last name A-M - 1 new package of paper towels,
Last name N-Z - 1 new bottle of hand sanitizer
- \$3.00 class fee (used for prizes, rewards, and French Cultural Experience items)

Students are also expected to have access to art supplies at home, including crayons, glue, paper, etc. These items may be loaned out if needed, but students will need to ask for them. Students will also need to occasionally find photographs and/or clip art for art projects. Pictures needed for projects may be sent through parents' emails before the due date, and they will be printed at school for students.

Course Requirements and Rules:

Students are expected to have read the rules and regulations set forth in the Northwestern Middle School Handbook. They should abide by them in class. In addition, there are a few simple guidelines which will keep class flowing smoothly. To ensure that you have a successful year, you should:

1. **TRY!!!** Effort is the best way to easily learn a language.
2. Always positively add to the educational environment, never detract from it.
3. Speak French, regardless of level or ability. Repeat vocabulary with the class.
4. Participate and complete assigned class work. Come to class with the homework completed and maintain a satisfactory grade on tests and quizzes.
5. Honesty will always be rewarded. Cheating will never be tolerated.
6. Be respectful of others' opinions, belongings, and this classroom. Bullying will **never** be tolerated. Report any issues as soon as possible.
7. Exhibit appropriate classroom behavior, follow dress code and ID rules, transition without disruption, and follow all NMS rules.

Consequences:

Those students who choose to disrupt class, bully others, cheat, or misbehave will be dealt with on an individual basis after class. Students will sign a description of the incident. Consequences are as follows:

- 1st offense - warning and discussion of offense after class, student signature
- 2nd offense - essay on responsible behavior due the following day (if not completed, student will be removed from class until completed), student signature
- 3rd offense - phone call/email home, student signature
- 4th offense - referral to the office, student signature

** Extreme circumstances may merit an immediate referral to the office.**

Grading:

The NMS grading scale will be used: **A** (93-100) **B** (85-92) **C** (75-84) **D** (67-74) **F** (0-66)
Grades are calculated using points earned from homework, quizzes, tests, folder checks, projects and bonus points. After an absence, it is the student's responsibility to make-up any work missed for full credit. Work **not turned in** by the due date, will be accepted late, but only for **80% credit**. Excessive late assignments will be discussed with team leaders and parents. Grades are cumulative throughout the term and are calculated by the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{POINTS RECEIVED}}{\text{POINTS OFFERED}} = \% \quad \text{example } 70/75 = 93\%$$

Conferences and Email:

Remember that I am essentially a free tutor. I am happy to help students when necessary. Parents can email me with classroom concerns at sarah.gallion@zacharyschools.org or call NMS and leave a message. If each of us plays our part in making this classroom a comfortable, productive learning environment, we will have a great school year.

Bonne chance! (Good luck !)

~ Madame Gallion

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____