

ORINDA MANDARIN CHINESE LANGUAGE PROGRAM

We are pleased to be able to continue the Mandarin Chinese Language Program for the Lamorinda area. This is a non profit program started in January, 2006. The program is modeled after the highly acclaimed Piedmont Language Program. Established by Piedmont parents over 30 years ago, that program now offers language instruction in Spanish, French, Mandarin and Japanese. Over 300 students from all Piedmont elementary schools now participate in the program.

Studies uniformly support that a child has a limited window of opportunity for easily and proficiently acquiring additional languages; the “window” shuts in middle school, limiting the ease and likelihood of acquiring proficiency or fluency in a foreign language. Specifically, they are capable of developing the intonation and pronunciation of native speakers. So, if you’re interested in exposing your child to a foreign language, now is the time to act!

MISSION

The mission of the Orinda Mandarin Chinese Program is to promote the acquisition of Mandarin language through a rigorous but enjoyable curriculum, providing our students with the ability to speak, read and write in Chinese.

Class Offerings & Schedule:

Intro to Mandarin (Kindergarten):

2:15 - 3:05 pm Mondays and Wednesdays

Beginning Mandarin (1st grade):

3:15 - 4:05 pm Mondays and Wednesdays

Mandarin I (Beginning class for 2nd grade – 5th grade):

4:15 - 5:05 pm Mondays and Wednesdays

Mandarin II (2nd grade):

4:15 - 5:05 pm Mondays and Wednesdays

Mandarin III (3rd grade):

3:15 - 4:05 pm Mondays and Wednesdays

Mandarin IV (4th grade):

3:15 - 4:05 pm Mondays and Wednesdays

Mandarin V (5th grade):

3:15 - 5:05 pm Mondays and Wednesdays

Mandarin VI (6th and 7th grades):

4:15 - 5:05 pm Mondays and Wednesdays

Conversational Mandarin (Students have completed Ni Hao book 1):

4:15 – 5:25 pm Mondays

The semester begins on September 20, 2010 and runs through December 15, 2010. OUSD holidays will be observed. Classes are limited to 12 students per class. Please see attached Enrollment form. Deadline for enrollment is Wednesday, September 15, 2010. There will be an open house from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 15. Class cost is \$350 for the semester, with a 10% discount for siblings. Classes will be held at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church at 433 Moraga Way.

Students will be placed in class depending on age, grade, and previous knowledge of Mandarin. The teachers will do a brief assessment of the students' skills during the first two weeks of school, and place students as necessary. Students completing Mandarin VI may test out of their first year of Mandarin at Miramonte or Acalanes High School.

Any Questions? Please feel free to contact Cristi Chow 876-0352.

Orinda Mandarin Chinese Program 2010 – ENROLLMENT FORM
Session I: September 20 2010 – , December 15, 2010
Deadline for early enrollment is Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Student Name	Grade	Previous Mandarin Class	\$ Child	Total \$ Family

Make check payable to Orinda Mandarin Chinese Program. Enrollment form and check may be mailed to: Orinda Mandarin Chinese Program, 433 Moraga Way, Orinda, CA 94563

Mandarin Chinese Program Policies

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Class Enrollment:

Mandarin Chinese Language Enrollment Forms are accepted as complete if signed, accompanied by payment, and delivered to Holy Shepherd Church office. Classes are filled on a first-come, first served basis. Class cost is \$350 for the semester, with a 10% discount for siblings.

Refunds:

Once a child is enrolled, there will be a two week waiting period, where you may receive a partial refund if your child drops the class. After these two weeks, class fees are non-refundable. Classes may be canceled due to low registration, and fee returned.

Behavior and Discipline:

Students are expected to behave respectfully, courteously and attentively to the Instructor and to each other. Instructors will contact the parents of those students who are not behaving appropriately to discuss remedial action. If a child is disruptive or misbehaves, his/her parent will be contacted. A second disciplinary action will require removal from the class without refund.

Getting children to and from Mandarin class:

Classes will be held at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church (433 Moraga Way). Parents are responsible for the transportation, and carpooling is encouraged.

Parent's Name _____
Parent Address _____
Home Phone # _____
Cell Phone # _____
Parent Email _____
Emergency Contact Name _____
Emergency Contact Phone # _____
Medical Conditions / Special Circumstances (specify child:) _____

Please sign and date, below: I understand the Orinda Mandarin Chinese Program policies, terms and conditions.

Parent Signature

Date