

Syllabus Chinese I

欢迎！(WELCOME)

Welcome to Chinese I!

In this class, you will not only learn the language which is spoken by the biggest percentage of the people in the world, but also you will be exposed to various aspects of Chinese culture, customs, history and tradition. You will get to know some of the differences in the way of thinking, expressing, acting, etc..

Finally, you'll find there is so much to learn and fun to have.

About myself

Yes, I'm from China (mainland).

My previous work experience includes positions as a mechanical engineer, an official of provincial government, the vice chief editor and photographer in a provincial technology journal, the hostess in a large city's radio station and an English teacher in a government sponsored program.

In my spare time, I like cooking (all of my friends adore me as a great cook), photography, writing, observing and appreciating the difference between different cultures, singing and dancing, hanging out with my friends, talking with my friends all over the world via the phone and the Internet.

I love gardening even though I don't seem to have a green thumb; I love pets (especially dogs); I would love a big huge family but I have only one son---so with you kids, part of my dream seems to have come true!!! I'm a loving and fun mother yet also very strict, do you want a teacher like that?

Our rule of learning

Learn with having fun, have fun with learning.

What and how we'll learn in/from this class:

You'll learn basic vocabulary and basic sentences dealing with everyday situations and the grammatical structures necessary for conversation at this level. You will learn how to greet people, introduce and describe yourself and family members; talk about your likes/dislikes, hobbies, entertaining, sports, etc., express your feeling and needs.....

According to the peculiarity of Chinese, our focal point will be mainly listening and speaking, then reading. Writing will be the last thing at this level that we study— —but still, you'll learn the basic rule of writing Chinese characters (strokes, order of writing strokes, general structure of Chinese character... etc.)

Activities are designed for four areas of language acquisition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing to help your learning easier and more active.

Assignments are designed to help you enhance what you learned in class.

Assignments

Assignments will be given basically after every class--this way, you can have a small piece of material to review and memorize.

Like every other language learning, vocabulary memorization is an important part of learning Chinese. Each class you should study the new vocabulary and review previously learned vocabulary. So it is very important for you to spend time studying at home.

In addition to studying vocabulary, written homework will often be assigned to help you master concepts. Thoughtful and thorough completion of these assignments is necessary in order to progress. These assignment will take many forms including memorization, exercises, worksheets and short compositions.

Homework will be collected and given a point value. All assignments are to be completed by their due date. Late work will not be accepted unless special arrangements have been made with me. Partial credit will not be given for incomplete work.

You are advised to save a copy in your server folder of all graded work generated by computer. In the event of a missing assignment, the burden of proof that the assignment was completed rests with you. You should also save all graded and returned papers in case of a grade question.

Assignments will be assigned in the form of a worksheet or oral practice, and will be put on the school's homework website for you to check.

Grading

Your grade will be based upon a point system in which your percentage of the total points possible will indicate your term grade.

These points will come from a variety of sources including tests and quizzes (both written and listening), oral assessments, group and pair activities, homework, small projects, written assignments, class participation, and preparation for class.

What is class participation and how is it graded?

To learn a language, concentration, practice, activeness and effort are greatly needed, and will be a very important part of your success. So your participation in the class is a measure of all of the above.

Participation will be graded in consideration of those:

- *staying on task
- *using lots of Chinese in class (including group and pair work)
- *completing group and pair activities as assigned
- *attempting correct pronunciation
- *volunteering answers
- *having lot of questions
- *not chatting on irrelevant topics in class

A-participate extensively B-participate often
C-sometimes participated D-rarely participate

Integrity

Your intellectual honesty is extremely important to me. This means that you must finish your homework, projects, quizzes and tests by yourself if the requirement is to work independently. We will follow the discipline policies which are explained in your handbook.

Absentee procedures

When absent, it is your responsibility to go to the homework website and get any assignment and/or notes you may have missed before the next class.

All missed work is due by the beginning of the next class. If you are absent for a previously announced test/quiz/project, be prepared to take this or turn it in upon your return to school. In addition, parents need to notify the school that they are aware you will miss the test.

Your first Homework assignment

Please complete the information below, refer to the checklist (what do I have to bring to class?) on the bottom, bring this paper and all your supplies to class on Tuesday, Aug. 31st.

Name:

Chinese name:

Homeroom teacher and room#:

Birthday:

Book #:

Your hobby?

Your interest?

How many siblings do you have, what position you are in them?

What do you know about China?

Parent contact information (please choose your preference):

Email:

Phone(daytime or evening?):

Parent signature_____

What do I have to bring to class?

Text book level I

Notebook: a 3-ring binder with dividers and loose leaf paper

Pen or pencil and erase

Dry erase marker

Highlighter (optional)

Energy and passion and strong desire for learning and exploring