Welcome to Chinese 1 Class! Huānyíng!

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Course Description

This class will have an increased emphasis on <u>communication</u> and expand your ability to <u>converse</u> in the target language. The target language is used *almost exclusively* by both teacher and students in the classroom; 90% is the target goal.

We use *Integrated Chinese I* as the textbook. The following unit topics will be covered this year:

- □ Unit 1- Introduction to China and the Chinese Language
- □ Unit 2- Getting to know you
- □ Unit 3- Family and Friends
- □ Unit 4- Everyday Life and Leisure Activities
- □ Unit 5- School Subjects



Class Rules

- 1. <u>Beautify our Classroom.</u> (Be encouraging and supportive of peers. Bring your **best** you every day.)
- 2. Be Accountable. (Do your Work and Do your Best.)
- 3. Be Respectful. (Respect teachers and classmates.)
- 4. Be Responsible. (Come to class prepared.)
- 5. Keep a positive attitude. (Bring a "Can Do" Attitude every day.)

Expectations for the Learning Environment

- 1. **Be prompt:** be in your seat by the bell.
- 2. **Be polite:** respect the teacher as well as other students and their property.
 - a. Use appropriate language, and keep negative remarks to yourself.
 - b. Raise your hand to ask or answer questions or to participate in class discussions.
 - c. Do not talk when the teacher is talking. Stay quiet and pay attention in class.
 - d. If you have a question, concern, or complaint, see the teacher at the end of class, before or after school or write an appropriate note or email describing the problem.
 - e. Avoid doing other homework assignments, sleeping, making noises, gaming, checking messages or social media or other distractions as well as writing irrelevant comments in the online chat.
 - f. Avoid eating the full meal during class, but eating snacks is ok.
- 3. Be prepared: bring all required materials, do your homework, and study. Turn in all assignments on time.
 - a. Check Schoology DAILY for assignments.
 - b. Be proactive requesting work if you miss class time. Email me that day and check Schoology.

- 4. **Be productive:** use your time efficiently. Mentally and physically engage in all classroom activities with a positive attitude. (Behavior that shows a lack of participation will result in a lower participation grade.)
- 5. **If you do not understand a concept or find yourself falling behind in your work, see me ASAP.** When you learn a language you build upon already-learned skills and if your foundation is wobbly, you will continue to struggle. You can learn Chinese and have an exciting time doing it!
- 6. Please take the Restroom Pass with you if you need to go to the restroom during class. Don't bring your cell phone or computer with you to the restroom.

1:1 Device Initiative

This will be the ONLY device you can use in our classrooms. You will be expected to have your device ready for learning.

Cell Phone Policy

You will put your phone into the pocket hat is located in the back of the classroom at the beginning of class. Your teache will allow you get your phone by the end of class.

Grading

You will have multiple requirements per week for vocabulary and language functions to demonstrate procifiency. If you are absent the day before a scheduled quiz or assessment, you will be expected to take the quiz or perform the assessment with classmates.

Daily Grades will be worth 50% of the student's average with Tests and Major Grades worth the remaining 50%. You should receive at least 3 major and 6 daily grades per grading period.

Do your work by yourself

You will be expected to do your own work at all times. This means no copying work from public or private resources, online translators, using another individual's work or presenting another individual's work as your own. All of these constitute acts of dishonesty and will be considered plagiarism. No credit will be awarded for plagiarized work. These papers will earn and keep a zero grade. If work is illegible, there will also be a zero grade, however illegible work may be redone for partial credit in tutorials.

Late work and Make Up work policy

5 points per day will be deducted from the grade you earn up to 5 days unless you have an excused absence. After the 5th day of the due date, you will need to attend tutorials to make up the work up to 75% before the end of the grading period. If you make up the work after the grading period, you will earn up to a 50% for that assignment.

Daily Grade & Homework Policy

After you submit a work and the teacher grades it, you can correct errors and re-submit it to get a better grade. But you can only re-submt once. If you don't submit an assignment or there is evidence that you cheat, you will get a zero in the gradebook.

Assessments/Projects Re-do & Re-take Policy

The World Languages Department offers retesting opportunities to students who have scored 74 or less on a **test**. In order to retest, you will need to attend tutorials for re-teach, test review and a clarification sesson, then attend tutorials a second time to re-test up to 75% before the end of the term.

Tutorials

My tutorial time is 2:50-3:20 pm, Tuesday. However, you can contact me through emails if you would like to meet me other school days. If there are any questions concerning a grade, please feel free to contact me.

Recommendations

- **1.** Use the resources provided on Schoology.
- 2. If you don't understand a concept in class, or you get behind, see me for extra help before it's too late. If you can't make the set tutorials, let me know when you'll be coming for help to make sure I'll be available.
- 3. Speak in Chinese as much as possible: talk to your friends, your family members, even your dog or cat.
- 4. Practice online with Chinese websites there are many great websites out there.
- 5. Read in Chinese as often as you can. Listen to Chinese music or movies on-line.

<u>Please sign the Syllabus Acknowledgement and Understanding form if you don't have any questions about statements listed on this syllabus.</u>

a. Link to the form

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b. QR code to the form





I look forward to a great year with you!!

Mrs. Lee