



Lower School Chinese Classes



小學的中文課
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From the Desk of the 中文老師
zhōng wén lǎo shī
(Chinese Teacher)

Welcome to Chinese class! I am very excited to be able to teach Chinese to your children this semester! If you ever have any questions or concerns, I can be reached via e-mail at christina.liu@lakemaryprep.com.

About me...

I have taught Mandarin Chinese at LMP since October of 2009. Prior to that, I taught Chinese to early elementary age students at the Orlando Chinese School for 3 years. I have two daughters who also attend school at LMP: CJ, who is in the 4th grade, and Anna, who is in the 2nd grade. I was born to Chinese parents and raised here in the USA, and I grew up speaking both Mandarin Chinese and English at home. More recently, I spent Thanksgiving week in Beijing, China, attending a workshop for teachers of the Chinese language. There were 110 teachers from 10 different countries. It was my first visit to China. I look forward to sharing some of my photos and experiences as it relates to language and culture during class.



grade level has use the these phrases in class. They also practice these phrases at carline, going up the stairs, in the lunchroom, and anywhere these phrases are used in English.



Happy New Year!

This year Chinese (Lunar) New Year is celebrated on January 23rd. This will begin



the Year of the Dragon. Each year, Lunar New Year is celebrated on the first New Moon after Winter Solstice, which is on a different day each year. A different animal in the 12 year zodiac cycle is represented each year. At the Full Moon



15 days later, the Lantern Festival is celebrated and concludes the Chinese New Year celebrations. In class, we are learning about Chinese New Year traditions, foods, stories and myths in class!

Additional Resources

Many of the materials I use in class are from Better Chinese. The online resources are also available to individuals by subscription. Check out the website:

<http://www.betterchinese.com/My-First-Chinese-Words.html>

(for grades PK3 - 2nd Grade), and

<http://www.betterchinese.com/My-First-Chinese-Reader.html>

(for 3rd - 5th Grade) My other recommendation is the DVD Series called **Muzzy**. This is great for all ages, and includes supplemental materials to reinforce what is taught in the DVD. Check it out at: <http://www.early-advantage.com/>

My children enjoy watching the Muzzy DVDs at home!

"There's an app for that..."



There are also quite a few iPad Apps developed for learning Chinese. Contact me if you're interested in hearing about some of my favorite iPad and iPhone apps for learning Chinese!

"Hello, Goodbye, Thank You, and You're Welcome"

Students in all grade levels are learning basic greetings and responses. 你好 nǐ hǎo means "hello,"

老師 lǎo shī means "teacher," 再見 zài jiàn means

"goodbye," 謝謝 xiè xiè means "thank you," and 不

客氣 kè qì means "you're welcome." Students in every