



Sui Wah School children Mandarin class Information

The earlier children are exposed to learning a foreign language, the easier they are able to acquire it. Sui Wah School thus offers yearlong Mandarin classes for children. They will learn the language and culture in active classroom environments.

I. Levels:

Level I: for children ages 3 to 5 years

Level II: for children ages 6 to 8 years

Level III: for children ages 9 to 11 years

Level IV: For children ages 12 to 14 years

II. Class Time and Duration:

Duration:

- Regular classes: 10 months from August to May
- Summer session: 6 weeks from mid-June to July

Class Time: Sundays, except Sui Wah School holidays

- 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Enrollment is ongoing. Join anytime.

III. Tuition and other fees per student per year:

- **Regular class: \$900** for the first child; A **5%** discount for each additional child
- **Annual Operation Fee: \$80**
- **Book Fee: \$30** (please see No. IX on next page)
- An additional **\$10** non-refundable registration fee will be added

IV Payment Policy:

Sui Wah School has adopted the following policy regarding the payment of tuition by installments: Two tuition installments are due on the first day of school in August and January.

V Class Size: small

Teacher-Student Ratio: 1 to 10 or less

We believe that a lower teacher-to-student ratio will help students learn more effectively because they will receive more individual attention. Any problems can be quickly recognized and addressed.

VII Teachers:

To insure that our students receive a high quality of Chinese language education, Sui Wah School's teachers are all native speakers of Mandarin, and have obtained at least a professional or college degree. Each has served several years of teaching experience, supplemented by continued training at the school in language acquisition.

VIII Teaching Approach:

Songs and nursery rhymes, stories, crafts are integrated into every topic for the purpose of enhancing the learning process. We also help students review what they have learned in the past for reinforcement.

To stimulate and keep students' interest in learning Chinese language is our utmost concern, so games, competitions and awards will be important features.

In addition, because of the young age of the students, a time for "free play" will be included during our daily teaching routine for lower levels, to provide opportunity for each student's individual development.

Field trips may be arranged for certain lessons with enough help from parents for supervision.

In order for students to do well, homework such as listening to audio CD is a mean of reinforcing what they learned in school. We therefore ask parents to help monitor their children in doing their homework.

IX Supplies of Materials

Students will be provided with colored text books, songs and nursery rhymes handouts, flash cards, audio, homework photocopies and exercise books, mid-morning snacks. We hope based on all these supplies, parents can help their children practice at home on a daily basis.

X Curriculum:

Children in these classes will learn a dynamic mix of daily Chinese language and culture in active classroom environments.

Level I:

Children learn to speak basic terms through fun activities.

Goals: Numbers, colors, food, animals, body parts, family members, and basic conversational phrases.

Level II:

Children will continue to learn more of the daily terms through fun activities, but spoken language will be stressed; basic Chinese characters and/or pinyin (a Romanization system) will be introduced as well.

Goals: Name, age, courtesy phrases, five senses, and more numbers, colors, body parts, and family members.

Level III & IV:

Instruction in these 2 levels will be more structural. Curriculum will stress on expanding spoken language abilities through role-playing or scripts. More complex Chinese characters and Pinyin will be introduced, along with phrases and simple sentences.

XI. Others:

1. Snacks are provided by the school; Students have to bring their own “drinks.”
2. Students are required to wear school T-shirts and shoes to the class. T-shirt can be purchased at school for \$10 each.