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Syllabus for Chinese III & V

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***“****Anyone who has ever made a resolution discovers that the strength of their determination fades with time. The important thing is not that your resolve never wavers, but that you don’t get down on yourself when it does and throw in the towel. “~ Daisaku Ikeda 池田大作*

*“Just as cherry, plum, peach and damson blossoms all possess their own unique qualities, each person is unique. We cannot become someone else. The important thing is that we live true to ourselves and cause the great flower of our lives to blossom.” “~ Daisaku Ikeda池田大作*

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course will continue to improve students’ aural and oral skills in Mandarin Chinese. In the mean time, students will be trained to read and write letters, short paragraphs and essays in Chinese characters. Reading and writing materials include not only topics closely related to present-day lives in the U.S. and China, but also provocative topics on the life of Chinese Americans. Students could put to use their newly learned vocabulary immediately in and outside class. If you are determined to take advantage of your bilingual capability in the Sino-US government and/or business affairs in your future career, you are in the right place to Start. By the end of the year, students should recognize 350-400 Chinese characters.

**PRIMARY SOURCE:**

Online Program of Discovering Chinese 奇妙中文 and Ni Hao你好

Students will also be given instructor-made handouts and worksheets. Students are responsible for on-line homework and material provided by the teacher.

**GOALS:**

**When dealing with learned topics, students are able to:**

* Understand clearly spoken and written Chinese when listening and reading
* Respond orally with correct tones
* Copy Chinese characters in correct stroke order and write from dictation
* Demonstrate an understanding of the practices, products, and how they are related to the perspectives of Chinese cultures
* Report to Lingofolio biweekly to self-evaluate their improvement.

To progress in Chinese it is necessary to:

* Listen attentively in class
* Speak Chinese as often as possible
* Participate actively in class
* Take notes to better learn concepts covered in class
* Use classroom time effectively
* Complete homework on time
  + Homework should be labeled with your name, period, and date on the top right hand corner of each page.
  + HOMEWORK, TURNED IN AFTER IT HAS BEEN COLLECTED IN CLASS, WILL BE CONSIDERED LATE (See grading policy)
* MAKE-UP & RETAKES:
  + If you are absent, it is your responsibility to get makeup work from me upon the returning day.
  + If you turned in your assignment on time and are unsatisfied with your homework grade, you have the opportunity to retake the assignment by turning your re-do stapled on top of the original work at the following class.

**EXPECTATIONS:**

* Respect everyone and everything in our classroom at all times
* Be prepared for class and complete your work on time
* Actively participate in class
* Follow school and district guidelines listed in the Student Handbook
* Become an indispensable first-class individual wherever you are
* Talk in Chinese (NO ENGLISH)

**CLASS RULES**

1. Wait your turn to talk.
2. No eating, sleeping, and using any electrical devices without permission.
3. Destroy nothing.
4. Use only school appropriate language.
5. Stay within your seat.
6. Complete mobility log before and after excusing yourself from class.

**QUIZZES AND TESTS**

There will be a quiz at the end of each Lesson.  Tests will be given at the end of each unit.  Students who are absent during a quiz or test need to be ready to make up the quiz or test on the day they return to school.

**Any work turned in without a name will receive a ZERO.**

**CONSEQUENCES**

1. Verbal warning
2. Name and rule # recorded in conduct book & call home
3. Parent conference
4. Office referral

**GRADING POLICY**

* **Classwork/Class Participation = 20%**
* **Projects = 25%**
* **Quizzes = 20%**
* **Homework = 10%**
* **Test = 25%**

**\*\*\*Cheating will not be tolerated. A grade of zero will be given for cheating on homework, class work, quizzes, and/or exams\*\*\***

* All work turned in should be labeled with your name, period, and date on top right corner. 10 points will be taken off if any of these is missing.
* Homework turned in after it has been collected in class will be considered late. Late work will result in 10 points off per day.
* If you are absent from class, it is your responsibility to get makeup work from me upon the returning day and check for new due day.

These percentages are in accordance with HAIS policy and those set by the district. **Bonus Points** may be given for attendance, participation, or extra efforts performed without prior notification. These points cannot be made up for any reason. They serve to reward students who came and participated in class, rather than to punish those who did not.

**SUPPLIES:**

1. One 3-Ring binder (1 inch)-mark your name/class on cover and decorate with your favorite Chinese pictures
2. One pack of note paper
3. 5 pages of divider
4. 10 protector sheets
5. 1 Box of tissues

Complete student information sheet and bring all supplies and signed syllabus on the following class to earn your first 100 homework grade!

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**Please sign indicating you know the stipulations of our class syllabus. This syllabus should be kept in your Chinese class daily binder at all times.**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Class Period: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Questions or comments:**

**Thank you and look forward to a great school year together!!! ☺**