

**Sharpstown International School**  
**Mandarin Chinese I**  
**2019-2020**

**Course and Contact Information**

Course: Mandarin Chinese I  
Classroom: E01  
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**Course Description**

This course is designed for students who have just enrolled in the learning of new language.

Through studying the textbook, participating in classroom activities, assignments, projects and cultural events, students will continue their journey of learning the Chinese language as well as the Chinese culture. Furthermore, students will be required to interact with native Chinese speakers through various projects and learning opportunities.

Students will have basic skills in listening, speaking, writing, and reading Chinese upon completion of this course.

**Linguistic goals**

- Students will become familiar with beginning Chinese characters, the Chinese phonic system, and Chinese grammar.
- Students will be able to complete beginning writing and listening exercises.
- Students will be able to begin to develop their comprehensive skills through supplementary materials.
- Students will be able to write short paragraphs related to the reading materials.

**Communicative goals**

- Students will be able to present their presentations in Chinese both orally and in writing.
- Students will be able to apply short Chinese conversation in both formal and informal contexts.

**Cultural goals**

- Students will be able to identify, describe and understand various aspects of Chinese culture, lifestyles, and social-cultural conventions.

- Students will be able to read and comprehend selected literary and cultural materials.

### **Grading Criteria**

Your grade for this course will be based on a percentage of the following:

Daily Work/Homework	10%
Formative Assessment	50%
Summative Assessment	40%

Within each 9 weeks, there will be 2 summative assessments, 9 formative assessments, and 7 daily assignments.

\*\*\*If you have missing assignments or grades below 70, you will have only **ONE** calendar week to make up the assignment or grade.

### **Supply**

- Binder / Folder **(Mandatory)**
- Pen and pencil **(Mandatory)**
- Kleenex **(10 pts extra credit)**

### **Class Rules**

1. Sit in classroom before bell rings. Tardiness will be marked once bell stops ringing. Absence will be marked if a student is unable to show up within 20 minutes after the bell rings.
2. Get prepared for class.
3. Participate in class actively and follow the instructions.
4. Stay quiet and listen attentively when the teacher is talking. No interruption is allowed.
5. Always raise hands to get permissions from the teacher before you ask any questions.
6. Speak up in pair work, group discussion, and whole classroom activities.
7. No food (including gum) and drinks are allowed in the classroom except water.
8. Complete assignments on time.
9. Respect the teacher, the other students, and guest speakers.
10. Pick up the trash that is around you when you leave to maintain a clean and conducive learning environment.
11. If you have missing assignments because of absences, it is **YOUR** responsibility to go to the teacher for the assignments.
12. All other rules and regulations found in SIS handbook also apply to this course.

### **Consequences for Violation of Classroom Rules**

1st Offense: Verbal Warning

2nd Offense: Student-Teacher Conference

3rd Offense: Phone Call Home

4th Offense: Parent-Student-Teacher Conference

5th Offense: Office Referral

\*\* For extreme behavior, an office referral will be earned regardless of a warning, phone call home may be conducted after 1<sup>st</sup> offence based upon teacher's discretion.\*\*

### **Cell Phone Policy**

The use of cell phones during class is strictly prohibited. This includes sending or checking text messages. A violation of this policy will result in the confiscation of the cell phone until the end of the period. Repetitive cell phone violations will result in the confiscation of the cell phone, which will then be turned into Mr. Yu.

### **Plagiarism**

Neither plagiarism (offering the work of another as one's own without proper acknowledgement) nor any form of cheating (e.g. illicit possession of examinations or other materials, using unauthorized notes during an exam, etc.) will be tolerated. Offering the work of another as one's own, without proper acknowledgment, is plagiarism; therefore, any student who fails to give credit for quotations or an essentially identical expression of material taken from books, encyclopedias, magazines, and other reference works, or from the themes, reports, or other writings of a fellow student is guilty of plagiarism. Plagiarizing from the internet is also prohibited. Students found to violate these standards of integrity are liable to serious consequences, including a grade of "F" for the assignment and a discipline referral resulting in detention or suspension.

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Sign below that you have read and agree to the terms of the syllabus. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Guardian Signature:

Date:

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Guardian Print Name:

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Student Signature:

Date:

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Student Print Name:

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**Contact information**

Father's cell phone number:

Mother's cell phone number:

Student's cell phone number:

\*\*The signature page is due at the end of the first week of school.