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Why learn a second language?

Research shows that exposing children to a second language at an early age stimulates the development of critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

- Higher performance on divergent thinking tasks
- Higher scores on measures of verbal intelligence
- Higher scores on standardized tests. Results from SAT show that students who had studied a foreign language for several years outscored other students on the verbal and math portions of the test

Why learn Chinese as a second language?

- Chinese is the fastest growing foreign language being taught in U.S. More than 1.3 billion people speak Chinese in the world.
- China is not only the factory of the world, producing many of our daily goods, but also an fast growing market with more than a billion consumers. Learning Chinese means connecting more people in or outside the U.S., creating more opportunities for future success.



Course Description:

This Chinese language program is designed for students who have no or very limited prior knowledge of Chinese language and may not be able to read Chinese alphabets or characters. The main objective of this program is to help students build a solid foundation of four basic language skills – listening, speaking, reading and writing in an interactive and commutative learning environment.

- **Chinese Starter (CSL1, first year)**

This course starts with simple dialogues, easy songs, and many repeats. It helps students quickly build up long lasted interest in Chinese language learning. After one year study, students will be able to read 360 Chinese Characters, speak 60 Chinese sentences and sing 28 Children's sing along songs.

- **Chinese Beginner (CSL2, second year)**

The main objective of this course is to improve students' conversation ability in Chinese. In addition to the real-life dialogues, the emphasis is on Chinese pronunciation (Pinyin). By the end of the second year, the students will be able to express preferences, feeling and opinions. Short Chinese movies will be integrated into the course curriculums.

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Tuition and Fees:

Tuition	\$270 per semester (18 weeks)
Registration Fee:	\$20 per student
Textbook and Material Fee:	\$55
Early Bird Discount:	\$10 discount for the registration before Aug 18, 2013.
Siblings Discount:	\$10 discount each for additional one(s) from the same family

Time:

- 18 weeks, Sunday, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm
- First day of class: Sep 8, 2013
- To sign up the courses, please send an email to Jessie Hinchman, Activities Director with Whitney Ranch by Jhinchman@meritpm.com