



iSTAR CHINESE SCHOOL
爱星中文学校 at **Whitney Ranch**

Microsoft founder, Bill Gates, is quoted as saying:

"If you give people tools, and they use their natural ability and their curiosity, they will develop things in ways that will surprise you very much beyond what you might have expected."

Letting our children in our community to have every advantage and opportunity to excel their potentials and to achieve a future success is our most priority goal. Research shows that exposing children to a second language at early age stimulates the development of critical thinking and problem-solving skills. The particular benefits to students' learning a second language include:

- ◆ The ability to shift easily between symbol systems, such as mathematics and literacy.
- ◆ Meta-linguistic awareness --- this includes phonemic awareness, awareness of language as a tool to communicate, and the understanding that words is arbitrary symbols.
- ◆ Higher scores on measures of verbal intelligence in some studies
- ◆ Improved overall school performance and superior problem-solving skills
- ◆ Higher scores on standardized tests. Results from the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) show that students who had studied a foreign language for four or more years outscored other students on the verbal and math portions of the test.

Rocklin Unified School District's GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) Program has included Foreign Language in its curriculum and supported student taking language classes in variety ways.

"We believe that all students should learn or maintain a second language, beginning in elementary school, and should be expected to master that language. This expands opportunities to communicate with others, to work in an increasingly competitive worldwide economy, and to understand the diversity of cultures."

Learning Chinese as second language has been a global trend in decades.

- ◆ 1.3 billion people speak Chinese in the world
- ◆ Fastest growing foreign language taught in U.S.
- ◆ More opportunities in business and for jobs toward future success

Please join our Chinese Classes in Whitney Ranch right NOW!

To sign up, please send an email to Jessie, our activity director at Whitney Ranch.

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Dear Parents:

Thank you so much for your support and helping us successfully get approval from the Board members of the Whitney Ranch to open Chinese/English bilingual courses in our community. This program is designed as a supplemental educational program to enrich the curriculum of basic education offered in the Rocklin District. Letting our children in our community to have every advantage and opportunity to excel their potentials and to achieve a future success is our most priority goal.

Program 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 object 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.

Class Begin April 28th

Tuition and Fees - \$345 per student which includes:
18 weeks Tuition (\$270)
Registration Fee (\$20)
Textbooks and Supplemental Study Material Fees (\$55)

Class Hours:

Sundays, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

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