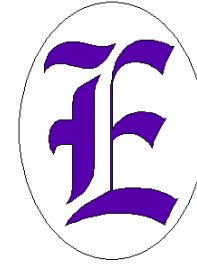


Ephrata High School
Course Syllabus



Chinese I
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I. Course Description

The goal of this course is to quickly establish a speaking environment in which students will develop four basic skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. *Pinyin*, the Chinese phonetic system, will be taught to help students pronounce characters. To help create interest and aid in learning these characters, pictographic symbols are introduced. Grammatical phonemes and sentence structures will be taught through a variety of role play activities which will integrate basic conversational topics, Chinese songs, children's poems, and Chinese cultural activities. This course is a distance learning partnership with Hempfield School District.

II. Materials & Equipment

Learn Chinese With Me (textbook and workbook)
Aesop Fable – The Crow Drinks Water
Flash Cards
Tian Ge Ben

III. Course Goals & Objectives

Students will:

- Familiarize themselves with the Chinese phonetic system, pinyin
- Use conversational Chinese to describe everyday situations relative to their lives
- Read daily self-introductions to the class, building upon previous unit vocabulary
- Write sentences using the words from flash cards (unit vocabulary)
- Read paragraphs and recite a story written in Chinese characters

IV. Course Topics (Summary Outline)

Unit one (lessons 1-6) – School, Classmates and Teachers

- Introduction to the phonetic system, pinyin
- Greetings, asking someone's name
- Classroom commands and vocabulary

Unit two (lessons 7-12) – Hanging out with My Friends

- What you like to do in your free time
- Which sports you play

Unit three (lessons 13-18) – My Family and I

- Say how many people and pets are in your family
- Describe family members' names and relationships

- Discuss likes and dislikes

Unit four (lessons 19-24) – Four Seasons of the Year

- Describe the weather and the date
- Important Chinese holidays

Unit five (lessons 25-30) – Food and Clothing

- Order food
- Say what clothing you wear in different weather

V. Assignments & Grading

Flash card quizzes

Pinyin and character quizzes

Class participation

Tian Ge Ben (character writing practice homework)

Workbook homework

Unit tests