Mandarin 1b Syllabus

Room 241

Office Hours:  Tuesdays OR Fridays 2:30-4:00 p.m. (by appointment)

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Course Description:

This course will continue from Mandarin 1a to expose students to more complex tasks and learning goals with a continuous emphasis on oral proficiency, designed for students with a year learning experience of Mandarin. The goal is to for students to strive for an intermediate low level of Mandarin at the end of this year. As intermediate low learners, students will be able to participate in conversations on a number of familiar topics using simple sentences. Intermediate low learners can handle short social interactions in everyday situation by asking and answering  simple questions. With a continuous emphasis on oral proficiency, students will continue to demonstrate ability in replicating another few dozens of Chinese characters. However, as stated in Mandarin 1a syllabus, the progress in written skills will pace much differently compared to that of speaking skills. Students will be exposed to a sequence of topics of Chinese holidays and customs, house chores, and etc. They will simultaneously learn related cultural aspects that help to contextualize the use of Mandarin language.

Materials:

* Worksheets developed by 吕老师Lu Laoshi, which share learning objectives and lesson agendas
* Textbook Huanying *(Warning: textbook is NOT equivalent to our curriculum. It only acts as a resource)*
* Authentic reading materials accessible in Room 204
* A variety of online/offline authentic resources

Technology (Required, fun and helpful)

* Quizlet
* WeChat ([Click here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xcHtbYdDSc4) to see a 'how to' video)
* Homework Site

Expectations:

* Punctual arrival (Tardiness without passes will impact your grades)
* Well-prepared
1. Prepare and bring your 3-ring binder of Mandarin to class every time
2. Bring writing utensils and paper every time
3. Attendance is mandatory (Absences without valid reasons will impact your grades.
* Be organized
1. Organize distributed materials in new to old order in your Mandarin binder
* Participate in class activities
* Be respectful
1. Raise hands to ask questions or make requests
2. Listen attentively while classmates or teacher talk
3. Attendance is mandatory (Absences without valid reasons will impact your grades.)

Grading:

* Homework and Class participation: 25%
* Quizzes: 22%
* Tests: 28%
* Presentations and projects: 25%