Tice Creek School

7th Grade Mandarin

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course introduces students to the Mandarin language and culture of China.

In this course you will learn basic and intermediate communication utilizing all four vehicles of language: listening, speaking, reading and writing. You will also participate in cultural projects and activities to learn more about the Chinese-speaking world.

Students need a C and above to be recommended for the next level.

**GRADING POLICY**

1. **Homework and classwork: 20%**

Your homework grade is based on quality, completeness and punctuality.

1. **Assessments: 70%**

Assessments include all quizzes, test, project and presentation.

1. **Participation 10%**

Students has the opportunity to earn 5 points a day. Points will be decrease if students are late for class, not on task in class, interrupt students’ learning during class.

**CLASSROOM RULES AND EXPECTATIONS: POWER**

***P-Prepare for class***

 ***O-On time and on task***

 ***W-Wait your turn***

 ***E-Effort***

 ***R-Respect others***

**Prepare for class**: Come to class with all class materials and any homework or projects that may be due. Be ready to learn every day.

**On Time and on task**: Come to class on time. Finish and bring your homework or project on time. Be on task in class.

**Wait your turn:** Respect your classmates and teacher by raising your hand before speaking and actively listening when someone else is speaking.

**Effort**: Academic excellence is the utmost important in this classroom. You are responsible for participating actively in class activities, completing all assignments to the best of your ability, studying diligently for all tests and quizzes, and asking for help when needed.

**Respect others**: Always consider how your actions affect others. Respect classmates and teachers. Respect your classroom by keeping your table and classroom organized, tidy and clean. Respect yourself by doing your best every day and remembering your personal goals for the year.

**COMMUNICATION**

Strong communication between students, teachers and parents is invaluable. Feel free to approach me with any questions or concerns you might have. I am here to help you succeed. In addition, you are welcome to email me at any time.