

Welcome back to another fabulous year at SOJO! We are excited to get started so here are some things you should know about this class so you can prepare to be successful this year.

Your performance in this class is largely based on your attendance and willingness to practice and use Chinese in the classroom (and at home) everyday. This is a participation class so... SPEAK – mistakes are OKAY!

School Supplies: Each student is to prepare the following items and bring them to class daily. Items on the list will be used in class every day.

- A 3-ring binder for Chinese Class. (**at least 1 ½”** in thickness)
- Notebook (to be used for notes taking and daily journal writing)
- 3-ring pencil pouch
- 3 specific color highlighter pen (yellow, orange, green)
- Whiteboard (Lapboards. Approx. 9”x12”)
- Thin Dry Erase Markers (easily visible colors. Each student is to provide their own dry erase markers throughout the school year.)
- Whiteboard eraser
- Pencils and pencil eraser
- 1 red pen

***This is a part of classroom rules.**

To be successful in this class:

1. Use Chinese.

- a. Chinese DLI students are to speak in Chinese once entering into the Chinese classrooms.
- b. Chinese 1 & 2: This class will be conducted mostly in Chinese. You will earn points based on how much you TRY to use Chinese and how many risks you take.

2. Participate actively and positively in all activities. Sleeping, working on other class work, reading, writing notes, and noise-making or disrupting activities keep you and others around you from learning and will also reflect negatively on your grade.

3. **Be honest.** In class you will be allowed and encouraged to work together and help each other. This, however, does NOT allow you to copy another student's work. In that event, BOTH you and the student who allowed you to copy will lose credit.

4. **Cell phones and ear buds** are not to be used or visible in class. Participation points will be deducted from your grade and phones/ear buds will be confiscated. See School-wide Policy

World Language Department Makeup-work Policy:

The World Language Department supports the school-wide Make-up and Late Work Policies as stated in the school-wide disclosure statement. All late work must be turned in before the last five school days of midterm and end-of-term cut-off dates in order to receive partial credit.

Grading %

- Class work/Self-starter 30% (self-starter becomes homework when it's not completed in class)
- Tests and Quizzes 40%
- Projects and Presentations 20%
- Class Participation 10%

MISCELLANEOUS:

During a couple of our units in Chinese this year, part or all of the following movies MAY be shown to support the curriculum (in Chinese, of course):

- MuLan
- Kung Fu Panda
- Up
- The Polar Express
- Rapunzel
- Frozen

If used, these movies/movie clips will be incorporated into the classroom activities as a way to support what we are learning. These movies are rated PG and so district policy requires that we notify you. If you don't want your student to view these films, please email or talk with your student's teacher. There will be alternate assignments for students who do not watch the movie/clip. Opting out will, in no way, adversely affect students' grades, provided that the alternate assignments are completed well.