



## KIDS INTO SPEAKING MANDARIN

A growing awareness of China as a global economic and political force in addition to a strong sense among parents that learning Chinese can help their children's professional future, has driven the steady increase in Mandarin classes across the U.S. Currently more than 50,000 American students are learning Chinese, making that language the fastest growing language taught.

How important is foreign language study? Many school district superintendents claim that the most common request from parents is to add a foreign language to the curriculum. Studies have shown that learning a second language can boost a child's cognitive development and overall academic achievement, as well as foster respect for different cultures. Learning a foreign language is important but understanding how language and culture, politics and personal behavior all interact is also very important.

Kids Into Speaking Mandarin is committed to fostering in our students a life-long love of learning the Mandarin language and the Chinese culture through fun and age-relevant lesson plans taught by our excellent teaching staff. We are thrilled to bring our program to the families at Diablo Valley Montessori School!

Students will learn beginning Mandarin language fundamentals through classic teaching techniques as well as through song, dance, and arts & crafts. Students will also be introduced to the Chinese culture, geography, and arts in this class.

**1st Term: September 23rd – December 18th, 2009 (2nd Term will continue Jan.-June)**

Session:	#1 – Wed/Fri (23 classes)	#2 – Wed/Fri (23 Classes)
Time:	3:00 – 3:45pm	4:15 – 5:00pm
Cost:	\$368.00 + \$5 one time materials fee	\$368.00 + \$5 one time materials fee

\* No class on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

Payment and this form should be turned in to the DVMS office to enroll in this class. Please call Laurie Dunn, KISM Owner at 925-962-9800 with questions.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: Check # \_\_\_\_\_ (made payable to "KISM")