Chinese Language Course(2) Ms. Dai – MS 7th Jane_dai@fa.org

COURSE DESCRIPTION and OBJECTIVES:

你好 2 is the second level of the 你好 series. It follows on from 你好 1 and aims to teach students skills in the use of more advanced Chinese in a wider range of situations. 你好 2 also reinforces the language and cultural elements introduced in 你好 1. Use of Chinese in the classroom, school playground and local community is also a priority in this level. The real life settings and various learning activities are meant to make the language come alive and to motivate students to use the language in a stimulating environment. I am very excited to work with you and I am confident that we are going to have an exciting and fulfilling year. Please be prepared to work hard, to learn a lot and most of all to have some fun!

Topics

- Calendar and birthdays
- Times and daily routines
- House plans and position of things
- Clothing/size/color
- To hold conversation when going shopping
- Visiting Chinese families
- Making phone calls
- Weather
- Express an opinion, arrange an outing and write a message, a note or a diary entry.

Grading:

 All, or some of the following, will be assessed each week: quizzes, orals, skits, class participation, written work, group work and homework. Tests and major projects will be given a grade based on 100 points. Quizzes, homework, class participation and activities will be cumulative and equivalent to one test grade.

Class participation and class work	20%
Homework	20%
Quizzes	20%
Test	20%
Projects	20%

• Final exam will count as 15% of the student's grade for the year

Homework:

It is necessary to practice Chinese daily in order to build a solid foundation for future lessons. In order to accomplish this objective, homework will be assigned at the end of class period. Missed work must be made up.

Class Participation:

Class participation in Chinese is a key component in practicing your communicative skills, which are essential in language proficiency. Participation involves more than just raising your hand. Students have to be attentive, participate in partner activities, speak the target language formally and informally, and come to class prepared.

Materials:

You will need to come to class each day with

- a. Homework and plan book
- b. A pen, pencil, a three-ring binder with some loose-leaf
- c. Workbook
- d. A deck of index card

Extra Help:

I am available for extra help on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursday and Fridays at 11:15. I can be found in regular Chinese classroom. Please leave me a note if you stop by the classroom and I am not there. It is better to ask for extra help as soon as there is confusion.

Absence Policy:

Upon returning from an absence, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed and hand in make-up work. You will have two days to hand in make-up work for each absence.

Text:

Shumang Fredlein, Paul Fredlein. Ni Hao.2008. ChinaSoft Pty Ltd Ebook from www.chinasoft.com.au

Ebook and Ework will be a very important resource. Students need to download onto their computer first week and use as study help and homework at home. Students are expected to keep their class materials in an organized manner. Notes will often be graded for daily notes as well as for corrected HW/quiz/test.