



# Shu Ren International School

Winter 2009 Adult Mandarin Class (Jan 5 – Mar 27)

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## Class Description

This course teaches the basics of Mandarin pronunciation, grammar, reading and orthography to beginners with no or little prior exposure to the language. It provides the students with the ability to communicate and function effectively in a Chinese language environment. After a year of study, the student is expected to be able to reach the following levels:

- **Pronunciation:** Accurate pronunciation and ability to distinguish all Mandarin vowels, consonants and tones. Pinyin will be introduced.
- **Grammar:** Productive and idiomatic use of grammatical patterns will be introduced in the class
- **Reading:** The ability to read short passages written in Simplified characters.
- **Conversation:** The ability to converse in Mandarin on subject matters in daily life and in business.
- **Orthography:** The ability to recognize at least 300 Chinese characters in the simplified form, and to reproduce a minimum of 200 characters from memory.

For adults seeking business communication skills, the class will also include materials such as *Gateway to Business Chinese*, *Advanced Business Chinese*, BBC and other online sources.

## The Instructor

Jia Li is a Mandarin teacher in a high school in Vallejo, California. She received a M.A. degree in Education from San Francisco State University in 2008. Before coming to the United State, she received her first M.A. degree in Contemporary Chinese Literature from Renmin University, China in 2003 and her B.A. degree in Chinese Language and Literature Education in 2001. Jia Li has several years of experience in teaching both adults and children to appreciate the elegance and the intricacy of the Chinese language.

## Class Time

- 12 weeks, Tuesdays and Fridays, 6:30pm – 8:00pm
- First day of class: Tuesday, January 6, 2009
- Last day of class: March 27, 2009

## Fees

- \$10 registration fee
- \$15/hour, \$180/4 weeks, and \$540/session (3 months)