

Subject: Start of Classes



Chinese Heritage and Language Program

Please Reply: Last year we had many requests from families interested in being included in a shared "Friendship List" . We are building a directory of program participants to help everyone keep in contact with one another.

Please let us know if you DO NOT want to be included a.s.a.p. *(The info will not be much different than what is available in the FCC-NY online directory. It will NOT be published online, and will ONLY be distributed to member families that have registered in the program.)*

WELCOME!

We are looking forward to the beginning of another exciting year of fun and learning, as we prepare to celebrate our program's 10th Anniversary!!!

As you know, classes are scheduled to begin on Saturday, October 4th. Driving directions can be found on our registration form, as well as on our web page www.fccli.org (follow links for the CH & LP). If you have trouble finding the entrance please call Tom G. @ 516-779-5108.

You may remember that program materials will be available for purchase in class. Payments can be made in cash (preferred) or by check. (Sorry, no credit cards.) Items range in cost from \$10 to \$15 each. These materials will be available the first few weeks of classes.

Books
Video tape
Fans / Ribbons (to be determined)

Suggested Supplies to begin:

4-5 Pencils with erasers
3-4 glue sticks - small / purple that dry to clear are best
Pencil Case
Pocket Folders or small 3 ring binder (for organizing handouts we will distribute)
Returning Students - be sure to bring last year's books / materials

Notes to Parents:

Please remember, we are students too. Our participation and enthusiasm is critical to our children's interest in the program and how they feel about learning. If you embrace new concepts and make your best effort, your child will learn through your example and feel confident to try new things. An hour or two per week is a relatively short time to spend together. Please help us foster an environment where respectful behavior and happiness thrive so that we can make the most of every moment.

Please arrive on time (we suggest coming early enough to visit the bathrooms before classtime begins)

- We will have name tags and a sign in sheet - please use the name tags for at least the first few weeks. Thanks
- Please reserve friendly conversations with others until after class
- Please participate - even when your younger children might be shy or resist (we've all been there - they will come around.)
- As a courtesy, if you miss 2 weeks or more in a row, please contact your class parents just to check in and let us

know everything is ok

- If you decide NOT to continue with the program for any reason, please notify us and provide some feedback
- This is a community, we are all volunteers. Please help out by setting up, and cleaning up when necessary.
- **You** will help us make the most of your experience. You've made a big decision to dedicate valuable time each weekend - let's make the most of it!
- Our families are welcome to use the playground left of the parking lot - adult supervision is required at all times. Please be careful about tracking mud into the building
- Please accompany your children to the restrooms. Do not allow your children to walk the halls unsupervised.

Thank You so much for your cooperation.

PS - anyone that has not yet paid their balance is asked to do so this weekend, or call our treasurer Tobi Scherpich at

631-737-3774 to make payment arrangements. ONLINE registration will be closed out tomorrow - Tuesday Sept 30th.

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