

Subject: FCCLI 2009-2010 Chinese Heritage & Language Program

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Chinese Heritage and Language Program Now Registering for Autumn 2009

About Our Program

Since 1999, this group of dedicated adoptive families has gathered on Saturdays to help encourage an appreciation of Chinese Language, Heritage and Dance and Culture for their adopted, (and biological) children.

The program is unique in that is geared specifically for the needs of our community of families - - families who do not speak Mandarin at home, nor have extensive knowledge of Chinese culture and language. Another distinctive feature exclusive to our meetings is that children and their parents attend and participate together. As a result, our program fosters an environment that also functions as a support group for both parents and children alike.

Language skills are quickly acquired through songs, dance and games, and then as children gain experience, we progress to character recognition, reading, and writing. Stroke order is soon understood through an innovative approach of cutting and piecing together characters; a technique developed by our mentor, Ms. Man-Li Lin (which has since been implemented in programs and schools across the US and in China.)

Our program also provides an exposure to many cultural elements as well. Among these are Tai Chi, Shaolin Kung Fu and various styles of traditional dance. Our families are occasionally exposed to a variety of Chinese foods, and traditions not often found on Long Island. We encourage a positive connection to the Flushing Chinese-American Community and schedule seasonal visits to the many cultural opportunities available in the area. In short, our program provides a very unique and important opportunity for enrichment for our very unique and important families.

Classes will be held at the First United Methodist Church located at 25 Broadway, Amityville, NY.

Class Times*

(subject to change, based on enrollment**)

9:00 am to 10:30 am

10:30 am to 12:00 pm

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Past students please select the same time as last year. New students nursery through age five will be placed in the 2:00 pm class. Elementary school age students please e-mail us at heritageprogram@fcli.org for assistance with placement.

** In the event our class schedule changes, and you cannot attend at the new time slot, we will refund your deposit.

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Class Calendar

October 17, 2009

October 24, 2009

October 31, 2009

November 7, 2009 - Annual

Autumn Field Trip

November 14, 2009

November 21, 2009

December 5, 2009

December 12, 2009

December 19, 2009

January 2, 2010

January 9, 2010

January 23, 2010

January 30, 2010

February 6, 2010

February 13, 2010

February 27, 2010 - tentative CNY Celebration

March 6, 2010

March 13, 2010

March 20, 2010

April 10, 2010

April 17, 2010

April 24, 2010

May 1, 2010

May 8, 2010

May 15, 2010

May 22, 2010

June 5, 2010 - tentative

Summer BBQ

June 12, 2010

June 19, 2010

Registration Information

Program Fees

\$ 350* / year for 1st Child

\$ 294* / year for each additional Child (% 15 off)

\$ 300* / year - 1hr Toddler Class

Final Balance of Tuition for all students is due no later than September 2nd, 2008.

(Cost includes 1 or both parents. One parent is REQUIRED, both are welcome.)

* Materials such as books & video tapes can be purchased on site. Costs range between \$10 - \$20 per item

Payments can be made by credit card online at www.fccny.org - (follow prompts for event registration)

OR-

by check made payable to "FCCLI CH & LP" and submitted by mail to:

FCCLI -CH & LP

c/o Danielle Gallagher

633 Pease Lane

West Islip, NY 11795

ALL STUDENTS please send in a copy of the registration form.

Classes will be held at the First United Methodist Church located at 25 Broadway in Amityville.

Directions

From the LIE, Southern State Parkway, or Sunrise Highway:

Take Route 110 South, all the way into the Village of Amityville.(Route 110 becomes Broadway.) At the center of the Village there is a Gazebo, bear left and continue on Route 110/Broadway. The church is on the left side, BEFORE Route 27A/Merrick Road. There's a municipal parking lot across the street from the church. Enter the church from the front and go up to the second floor.

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