***Welcome Letter from Mrs. Liu***

Dear Parents,

I’m Mrs. Liu. I am very pleased to have your son/daughter in my Chinese language class this year. Our class is a daily 30-minute-long lesson. I’m excited at this opportunity of introducing a foreign language to your child and I plan to make his/her experience of studying a foreign language an exciting and memorable one. Since Chinese program is new, you might have some questions about this program. Here I would like to take this opportunity to answer a few:

**Why does my child need to learn a foreign language?**

Learning a second language allows a child to optimize his or her learning potential, helping to shape the brain at its most flexible stage. A gift of language is an investment that will last a lifetime. Young learners enrich their lives and open up doors to their future by gaining an expanded worldview and a competitive edge in future global market place.

**Why Chinese?**

Chinese program is the fastest growing foreign language program in US schools. One out of five people in the world speak Chinese. China currently has the second largest economy in the world and has become the most important country for United States to be engaged with. To take advantage of this huge economic shift and opportunities, learning to speak Chinese is a great way to give your children an advantage in the increasingly competitive business world. (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=58Jsl1OtxG0>)

**How will my child be learning Chinese?**

With the help of smart board I will be using the latest technologies including interactive computer games, videos and power point slides to make learning fun and efficient. Our Chinese classes will be packed with a lot of fun where children play games, converse with native speakers, perform shows, and singing songs.

**What will my child learn in our Chinese classes?**

Your child will begin to develop basic conversation skills on a variety of topics as well as recognizing and writing a few basic Chinese characters and sentences. Here is the link about what my second grade students learnt during last academic year: <http://msliuchineseclass.weebly.com/grade-two.html>

**How may I help my child?**

I have created a website where I have uploaded many resources to help students learn Chinese at home.

http://msliuchineseclass.weebly.com/

You may also find more help on my school page:

http://www.oxfordschools.org/section\_display.cfm?section\_id=1456

**How may I contact Mrs. Liu?**

Due to cultural differences and challenges of learning a new language, some child may feel uncomfortable in my class that I’m unaware of. Please contact me if your child is experiencing difficulties in my class.

I can be best reached through emails: min.liu@oxfordschools.org. My school phone number is 248-690- 5050. Extension: 4030. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warm Regards,

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