

Dear Mandarin pre-K parents:

Welcome to the Mandarin pre-K class!

My name is Hua Hsin Wang, and you can call me Shin if you prefer. I'd like to introduce myself a little bit. I was born in Taiwan and earned my M.S. of Early and Middle Education from the Ohio State University. My specialty is 3-5 years old age group. I'm married with two lovely daughters; the older one is 14 years old, a high school sophomore, and the younger one is 9, an elementary student.

As we all know, preschoolers have rapid growth in physical, social, emotional, intellectual and aesthetic domains. My curricula are based on the International Baccalaureate primary year program which emphasizes the development of the whole child as an inquirer. They are given the flexibility, time, and space to explore, investigate, and play, with various materials provided to learn about themselves, and surroundings.

For most of your children, this is their first group experience of encountering a new environment, with a structured setting for a whole day. As we know each child is unique and has varying rate to adjust to new people and places, please indulge me more time to get acquainted with them, especially since right now we have only one day a week. The first few weeks, I'll be flexible to accommodate their needs, and help them to settle into the class, therefore, I may not be able to follow the schedule totally. I encourage you to ask your children 3 things to share during the dinner time every Wednesday. The conversation will make the child feel like a grown-up and look forward to going to our School!

Mandarin is the only language I speak in the class, and children, like sponge, will get the language in a short period of time. At the beginning, they may feel weird that I speak a different language but they are wonderful learners, and they will get used to it.

Feedback from you and your children will make huge difference to me; it helps me tremendously to modify the teaching techniques and lesson plans to meet their needs. Please feel free to contact me. I can be reached by email at [mandarin@coloradointernationalschool.org](mailto:mandarin@coloradointernationalschool.org).

For the first day of school, please bring in some extra clothes in a zip lock bag with the child's name on it. Accidents do happen, and children feel more comfortable with their own clothes if they need to change. Please make a note about any allergies and other needs on the forms provided by the School.

As for November, the topic is "greeting" and "I", also getting familiar with the class, schedule, and the School. The detailed lesson plan and the schedule are posted on the Mandarin Bulletin board.

I am looking forward to meeting you and your child.

Sincerely,  
Hua Hsin Wang