

# RAY CHINESE SCHOOL

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### Course Information

**Course Title:** Grade 1: Chinese Reading and Writing

### Course Description:

This class will focus on (1) Basics of Chinese characters, including fundamental parts, composition, and writing sequence of the characters, and (2) verbal exercises aimed at improving children's ability to speak Chinese using complete sentences clearly.

**Course Schedule:** Fall semester and Spring semester of 2017-2018

### Teacher Information

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### Textbooks:

**Required Reading:** Chinese, by Jinan University, Vols. 1 and 2 (暨南大学《中文》第1, 2册)

**Reference:** Classroom handouts.

### Expected Student Outcome:

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

Learn the 20+ basic Chinese character strokes, recognize 240 most commonly used characters, understand the meaning of these characters and can use them in speeches.

Understand the sequence of strokes when writing Chinese characters, develop proper writing manner and posture.

Use complete sentences in answering Teacher's questions in the class. Pronounce each character clearly and correctly.

Read aloud the textbook, and memorize certain part of the passages. Speak simple Chinese sentences.

### Homework Assignments:

Requirement: There are homework assignments about half hour each weekday.

### Grading Policies:

The final grade in the course will be based on the following:

Midterm	30%
Final	30%
Assignments	30%
Class Participation	10%

After your numerical grade has been calculated, your letter grade will be determined as follows:

A	90-100% of the total percentage points possible
B	80-89% of the total percentage points possible
C	70-79% of the total percentage points possible
D	60-69% of the total percentage points possible

**Fall Semester 2017**

**Course Outline\*:**

<b>Class Period</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Topics</b>	<b>Chapter for Reading(s)/Assessment</b>
Week 1	9/9/2017 9/10/2017	Text Book Volume 1 Class 1 Learning Characters 1	pp. 1-5 • Learn to read and write 11 characters. • Learn basic strokes.
Week 2	9/16/2017 9/17/2017	Text Book Volume 1 Class 2 Learning Characters 2	pp. 6-10 • Learn to read and write 11 characters. • Learn basic strokes.
Week 3	9/23/2017 9/24/2017	Text Book Volume 1 Class 3 Learning Characters 3	pp. 11-17 • Learn to read and write 10 characters. • Learn basic strokes.
Week 4	9/30/2017 10/1/2017	Review 1	Review Class 1 - 3
Week 5	10/7/2017 10/8/2017	Text Book Volume 1 Class 4 Learning Characters 4	pp. 18-22 • Learn to read and write 12 characters. • Learn basic strokes. • Learn antonym.
Week 6	10/14/2017 10/15/2017	Text Book Volume 1 Class 5 Learning Characters 5	pp. 23-27 • Learn to read and write 11 characters. • Learn basic strokes.
Week 7	10/21/2017 10/22/2017	Text Book Volume 1 Class 6 Learning Characters 3	pp. 28-35 • Learn to read and write 13 characters. • Learn basic strokes.
Week 8	10/28/2017 10/29/2017	Review 2	Mid-term review
Week 9	11/4/2017 11/5/2017	Text Book Volume 1 Class 7 Pupils	pp. 36-41 • Learn to read and write 10 characters. • Learn basic strokes. • Learn radicals. • Learn key sentences.
Week 10	11/11/2017 11/12/2017	Text Book Volume 1 Class 8 I Am Going to School	pp. 42-47 • Learn to read and write 12 characters. • Learn basic strokes. • Learn radicals. • Learn key sentences.
Week 11	11/18/2017 11/19/2017	Text Book Volume 1 Class 9 My Family	pp. 48-56 • Learn to read and write 9 characters. • Learn basic strokes. • Learn radicals. • Learn key sentences.
Week 12	12/2/2017 12/3/2017	Text Book Volume 1 Class 10 The Garden	pp. 57-62 • Learn to read and write 12 characters. • Learn basic strokes. • Learn radicals. • Learn key sentences.
Week 13	12/9/2017 12/10/2017	Final Review	
Week 14	12/16/2017 12/17/2017	Final Exam	Final Exam

\*Subject to change.

**Spring Semester 2018**

## Course Outline\*:

<b>Class Period</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Topics</b>	<b>Chapter for Reading(s)/Assessment</b>
Week 1	1/13/2018 1/14/2018	Text Book Volume 2 Class 1 At A Chinese School	pp. 1-7 • Learn to read and write 11 characters. • Learn basic strokes and radicals. • Learn key sentences.
Week 2	1/20/2018 1/21/2018	Text Book Volume 2 Class 2 In the Classroom	pp. 8-14 • Learn to read and write 12 characters. • Learn basic strokes and radicals. • Learn key sentences.
Week 3	1/27/2018 1/28/2018	Text Book Volume 2 Class 3 Class Is Over	pp. 15-21 • Learn to read and write 13 characters. • Learn basic strokes and radicals. • Learn key sentences.
Week 4	2/3/2018 2/4/2018	Review 1	
Week 5	2/10/2018 2/11/2018	Text Book Volume 2 Class 4 Practice Good Manners	pp. 24-31 • Learn to read and write 12 characters. • Learn basic strokes and radicals. • Learn key sentences.
Week 6	2/17/2018 2/18/2018	Text Book Volume 2 Class 5 Go Shopping	pp. 32-38 • Learn to read and write 14 characters. • Learn basic strokes and radicals. • Learn key sentences.
Week 7	2/24/2018 2/25/2018	Text Book Volume 2 Class 6 Things I Can Do	pp. 39-45 • Learn to read and write 11 characters. • Learn basic strokes and radicals. • Learn key sentences.
Week 8	3/3/2018 3/4/2018	Review 2	Mid-term review
Week 9	3/10/2018 3/11/2018	Mid-term exam	
Week 10	3/17/2018 3/18/2018	Text Book Volume 2 Class 7 Two Precious Organs of Man	pp. 48-53 • Learn to read and write 12 characters. • Learn basic strokes and radicals. • Learn key sentences.
Week 11	4/7/2018 4/8/2018	Text Book Volume 2 Class 8 Does the Moon Follow Us	pp. 54-60 • Learn to read and write 13 characters. • Learn basic strokes and radicals. • Learn key sentences.
Week 12	4/14/2018 4/15/2018	Text Book Volume 2 Class 9 Why	pp. 61-71 • Learn to read and write 11 characters.  • Learn basic strokes and radicals.  • Learn key sentences.
Week 13	4/21/2018 4/22/2018	Review 3	
Week 14	4/28/2018 4/29/2018	Text Book Volume 2 Class 10 Spring Rain	pp. 72-78 • Learn to read and write 9 characters. • Learn basic strokes and radicals. • Learn key sentences.

Week 15	5/5/2018 5/6/2018	Semester Review	
Week 16	5/12/2018 5/13/2018	Final Exam	
Week 17	5/19/2018 5/20/2018	Semester Summary and Awards	

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