



Mandarin Program at EPSD

(Immersion in Mandarin Achieves Gains in Education)

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Quarles



Ms. Huang used a game named "Mr. Potato" to review body parts such as eyes, ears, nose and mouth.



The Kindergarteners learned the body parts: head, shoulders, hands, and feet.



During the Pre-K winter concert, students sang the song "We Wish a Merry Christmas" in Mandarin.



During the Kindergarten winter concert, they performed/sang the poem "Plum Blossoms" and "A River Scene in Snow."

Comments from Parents:

"My child loves Mandarin. He likes to sing your song at home. I didn't know what they sang but it sounded beautifully."

"The concert was great! I was proud that my kid sang the song in Mandarin."

Congratulations!

We are honored to share with you that our Mandarin program got nominated as the 2017 Confucius Classroom of the year among all the Confucius Classrooms in the world by Asia Society. Only two Confucius classrooms were nominated over the entire U.S. Even though we did not get in we are still very proud of our program. Most awarded Confucius classrooms are from Africa or one-belt-one-road-initiatives countries.



JEDM/DMHS/DMAE



Students were running for Chinese Honor Society and Chinese Club. They were excited that the Chinese Honor Society and Chinese Club are back this year.



Ms. Matheiu and Ms. NG came to join the 7th grade Chinese class for Unit "Food" learning.

"I enjoy Chinese class because I'm able to learn an important third language."

"I really appreciate my teacher. She is very smart, funny, and very disciplined."

"I like learning Chinese because it is different than other languages. It is challenging. but it is still fun." ---Students from JEDM & DMAE



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Grieco (Ms.Bi)



1st grade students made a turkey to celebrate Thanksgiving.



2nd grade students learned to use size, number, and color words to describe the pumpkins they saw after a farm field trip. They created pictures and paper pumpkins.



3rd grade students learned to play the recorder.

Grieco (Ms.Chao)



1st grade students mimicked the Earth rotation and were able to determine the daytime and nighttime timespan between China and USA.



2nd grade students shared their favorite fruits and practiced conversation with their classmates.



3rd graders concentrated on making Inky Winter Plum Tree.



McCloud



4th graders reviewed the body parts and colors by drawing the Greenwich.



5th graders learned many new vocabulary words that they used on their Christmas art projects and on their Christmas cards for friends and family members.



6th graders retold the Christmas story using the Christmas theme project and origami.

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"I am very pleased with the Mandarin curriculum and the quality of the teachers." ---Parents of A. A.

"I love and appreciate all the work that you've done with my daughter N. She seems to have a thirst and passion for Mandarin. Thank you." ---Parents of N. H.

"They have LOVED Mandarin! They came home saying words and numbers in Mandarin and are excited by it. Thanks so much for everything!" ---Parents of M. & D.J.