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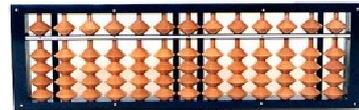
Autumn 2015 Abacus class Enrollment Form

Qiao Ji Mandarin offers abacus class at Sunnyside Elementary School.

Tuition day & time

Day : Fridays from September 18 - November 13

Time : 2:40 - 3:50



Tuition Fee

- Tuition Fee (including materials) : \$100

- Abacus : \$10

Registration fee : \$10 per family

Reserve your spot now!

Registration is on a first come first served basis. All fees, must submitted by the time of enrollment to reserve a spot for your child. Submit your registration form and a check made payable to: **Qiao Ji Mandarin** and mail to Jane Kwok at 1363, 37th Ave, San Francisco, CA 94122.

There will be a \$20 charge on checks returned by the bank due to insufficient funds.

1. Refunds and/or cancellations must requested in writing.
2. Extended care is not available. Your child/children must be picked up within ten (10) minutes after the end of the scheduled class. A late fee of \$1 per minute will be imposed, and must be paid within one week of picking your child up late or your child will no longer be eligible to attend.
3. **No classes will be held during teacher-parent conference week, school holidays or furlough days.**
4. Confirmation of enrollment and classroom location will be provide by email.
5. For inquiries, please contact us at: jyeungkwok@gmail.com (Jane Kwok); or longmarch@comcast.net (Wei Liu). You can also call Jane Kwok at: 415-533-8477; or Wei Liu at: 415-680-5465



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What is an abacus?

The abacus is a tool used by the Chinese since about 500 BC for the simplest of calculations: addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, as well as fractions and square roots. Its inventor is unknown. A Chinese abacus is made up of a wood frame divided into two parts separated by a beam, with an upper deck of two rows of beads and a lower deck of five rows of beads. A series of vertical rods allows the wooden beads to slide freely. The abacus as we know it today did not appear in China until about 1200 A.D. Over time the abacus traveled to Japan and evolved into what it is called today: the soroban. A soroban is made up of a wooden frame divided into two parts separated by a beam, with upper deck of one row of beads and a lower deck of four rows of beads.

What is the difference between an abacus and an electronic calculator? With an electronic calculator, the child provides the input (numbers, addition or subtraction), and the calculator provides the output (numbers). But in the case of the abacus, the child converts the numbers into beads (input), manipulates the beads (processing), and brings out the result (output). After finishing our instruction books and with daily practice, your child will be able to do the arithmetic calculations **MENTALLY** very soon.

What are the advantages of learning to use an abacus? In Japan, educators maintain that the abacus (soroban) helps children develop powers of mental calculation. It enables children 1) to understand the basic number systems such as base-ten and place values; 2) to understand concepts of carrying and borrowing in arithmetic; 3) to understand combinations of 5 and 10 and complements of numbers; 4) to visualize close relations between numbers and numerals, and 5) to develop children's ability to perform mental calculations.

How does it benefit my child?

Learning Mathematics with the Abacus books helps boost your child's confidence when it comes to mathematics; develop mental calculation abilities; provide a sense of achievement as the child's proficiency improves; lead to greater mental capacity; promote intuitive thinking; enhance problem-solving capability; enhance creativity; and improve concentration and mental endurance.

What is the best age to start? There is no good research available yet that identifies a specific age to start. Generally speaking, many children start learning to use the abacus between kindergarten and the 4th grade.

How does abacus instruction differ from the arithmetic traditionally taught in school? The difference between abacus calculation and traditional methods is profound, but difficult to summarize. Abacus calculation relies upon the manipulation of beads rather than the arithmetic processes with which we are familiar. Thus it is able to draw upon right-brain resources and the result is dramatically increased speed.

Will this training conflict with the school's method of teaching math? If a child starts the program prior to or concurrent with traditional methods, there is minimal conflict and the child will easily work within both systems. If a child starts the program later, having already received traditional foundations, there may be a slightly extended learning period for the child to accept and integrate the abacus method.



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Student information (One application per student, please write legibly)

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Chinese _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Grade in 2015-16 _____ Room _____ ExCel Y/N YMCA Y/N

Parent/Guardian Information

Name _____
Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
Work Phone _____ Email _____
Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

In an emergency please contact the following people if you cannot be reached :

Name _____ Relationship _____ Cell Phone _____

Medical Information

Insurance carrier is _____ Policy # _____
Physician _____ Phone _____

Other Information

Does your child has any illnesses or food allergies? If so what are they ?

Does your child receive any special services from school ? If so what are they ?

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| | Level | School Grade |
|--|----------|--------------|
| | A1 | K |
| | A1 excel | 2nd-4th |

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Total : \$120

Pay to the order of :Qiao Ji Mandarin

Please send your registration to: Jane Kwok, 1363, 37th Ave, San Francisco, California,94116

Terms & Conditions

Each parent and/or guardian is responsible for ensuring that his or her child does not disrupt the ability of other children to learn, or take too much time from the teachers who must pay equal attention to all of their students. While the program is prepared to make reasonable accommodations for all students with learning difficulties, the program cannot provide one-on-one individualized supervision or instruction to such students at the expense of the rest of the class.

Extended care is not provided. Parents agree to pick up their children within ten (10) minutes after the end of the scheduled class. A late fee of \$1 per minute will be imposed on any parent who fails to pick up their child on time and must be paid within one week of picking your child up late. We encourage you to coordinate with other parents in your child's class so that they can pick up your child in the event of an emergency with prior authorization. Please be sure to provide all work, home and cell numbers on this form so that we can contact you as well.

The undersigned hereby acknowledges having read, understood and agreed to the contract language above.

Parents Signature _____ Date _____

Waiver of liability

By registering my child for the Qiao Ji Mandarin after school program, I agree to the following waiver of liability provisions:

I will not hold the Qiao Ji Mandarin, her personnel, and her volunteer workers liable for any injury, accident, illness, and other unexpected incidents occurring during class and/or program related activities.

In case of emergency, the Qiao Ji Mandarin and/or her personnel on duty have my permission to obtain emergency care/treatment of my child until I can be contacted.

Parents Signature _____ Date _____

Permission to Use Photograph

I grant to Qiao Ji Mandarin, the right to take photographs of my child and my family in connection with Mandarin class and celebratory events. I authorize Qiao Ji Mandarin, its assigns and transferees to copyright, use and publish the same in print and/or electronically. I agree the Qiao Ji Mandarin may use such photographs of my child with his/her name and for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising.

I have read and understand the above

Parents Signature _____ Date _____

Official Only

| Amount | Cash / Check # | Date |
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