

Mandarin Chinese 中文

Who is the Mandarin Chinese teacher?

Welcome! I'm Mijia Ranquist, the Mandarin Chinese teacher at Solomon. This is my 14th year in my teaching career, and my 10th year teaching Chinese in the Chicago area.

I was born and raised in Harbin (Northern China) and lived in Canton province (Southern China) for over 10 years. Therefore I can speak both Mandarin Chinese and Cantonese Chinese.

I have a bachelor degree from Shenzhen University, a MBA from University of Illinois at Chicago, and a MAT (Masters of Arts in Teaching) from National Louis University with an ESL endorsement.



Besides teaching Mandarin Chinese, I also led sewing and anime drawing after-school programs at Solomon. During summer breaks, I am an arts & crafts instructor and school bus driver at a day camp.

How do we learn Chinese at Solomon?

We learn through hands-on activities



We learn through drama & role play



We learn through cultural stories



We learn through technology



We learn through games



We learn through arts and crafts



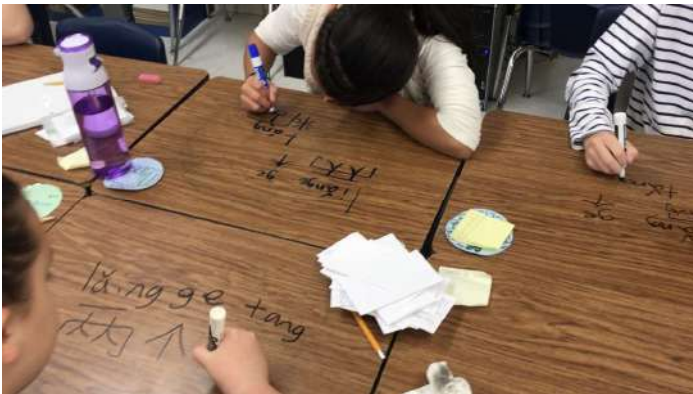
We learn through singing and dancing



We learn through field trips



We learn through practice





What do we learn in Chinese class?

K-2nd grade

Students will focus on building interest in learning the language through story-telling, games and songs. Students will be familiar with daily Chinese, and basic contents, such as numbers, colors, families, and animals, etc.

3rd-5th grade

Students will engage in conversations in Chinese, provide and obtain information, express feelings and emotions, and exchange opinions.

Students will be introduced to unique Chinese culture and will demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the products and perspectives of the culture studied.

6th-8th grade

Besides writing in Chinese characters, students will also learn to type in Chinese characters. Students will be able to present information, concepts, and ideas to an audience of listeners or readers on a variety of topics. They will also reinforce and further their knowledge of other disciplines through the Chinese language.

