Chinese Beginning Curriculum
Mandarin & Cantonese

Course Prerequisites
New students with little knowledge of Chinese language
Chinese 1 is meant to coincide with Beginning A/B

Course Objectives

**Beginning A**

Students will learn to:
1. Write the characters with correct stroke order
2. Ask and answer simple questions,
3. Read, write about 250-300 characters,
4. Understand and use Chinese Phonic Pinyin,
5. Pass oral and written competency exam.

**Beginning B**

1. In addition to successful completion of Beginning A, students are expected to distinguish the differences of homographs, homophones, and stroke orders,
2. Students *build upon their vocabulary* learned in Beginning A.
   In Beginning B, students are expected to know more than 300 characters.

Course Description

Students in Beginning A/B will learn the following subjects:

1) **Student's Personal and School Information**
2) **Numbers, Colors and Shapes**
3) **Ways of Addressing and Greeting People**
4) **My Family**
5) **Time, Seasons and Weather**
6) **Food**
7) **Clothing, Furniture & Appliance**
8) **Birds & Animals**
9) **Communication**
10) **Chinese History, Culture & Festivals**
11) **Assembly Topics**
12) **Supplementary Topics & Materials**