



Mercer Island – Spring 2010

We are very excited to offer language to Mercer Island elementary schools! Our classes are designed to instill a love of language and culture in children. Our highly trained, dynamic, native-speaking teachers lead small classes in fun activities in the target language—Mandarin, Spanish or French—with a focus on communicating. It's a natural way to engage and learn.

CLASSES:

Through games and activities, music, movement and art, we learn practical, every-day language and communication skills. All classes are taught entirely in the target language and accommodate a range of levels. Each session we cover different thematic units, so there is always new material to learn. Classes are offered before and after-school. Each class is 50 minutes long and has a maximum of 14 children.

Extended Language: We encourage coming twice a week, since increased exposure has a dramatic affect. In the second weekly class, we will use our new language to do additional drama, storytelling and art. It's a wonderful way to extend and solidify communicative skills.

For K-2nd Graders:

We welcome brand new learners as well as those with language learning experience.

For 3rd-5th Graders - Beginner Plus and Intermediate-Advanced:

Children who are new to the language or who want to solidify their communication skills should choose a Beginner Plus class. There will be lots of new material for everyone. Children who have had previous exposure to the target language and are confident communicators should choose Intermediate-Advanced.

Extended Language: Beginner Plus and Intermediate-Advanced students participate together in these classes; beginners learn from more advanced role models, while advanced students gain confidence in their extended communicative abilities.

LOCATIONS:

We offer class options at each school and offer additional flexibility through busing. (Classes may be consolidated to meet minimum enrollment numbers.)

In the morning, busing is available from Island Park and West Mercer to all schools. In the afternoons, busing is available to Island Park from all schools.

A parent assistant will work with the teacher and school staff to assist with supervision before and after class. Detailed information on room location will be sent the week prior to classes beginning once we have received the information from the schools.

PRICING:

Our Spring 2010 session is 15 weeks long. It starts in late Jan/early Feb and runs for 15 class weeks. Classes are held only on days when school is held.

Come once/weekly for Spring = \$220

Come twice/weekly for Spring = \$418

PARENT ASSISTANT PROGRAM:

We have a wonderful opportunity for a Parent Assistant in some of our classes. The Parent Assistant learns language alongside his or her child while helping the teacher. The Parent Assistant does not need to speak the language, but needs to be committed to attend class and eager to encourage learning. In exchange for your assistance, we offer 50% off your child's tuition. If you are interested in being a Parent Assistant for your child's class, please indicated this when you sign up online. We will contact you if there is a need in your class. If you have questions, please write us at mercerisland@spongeschool.com.

SIGNING UP:

You can enroll online on our website! We've tried to make it as intuitive as possible. We accept eChecks and credit cards for payment. eCheck is a simple process that just requires the information at the bottom of your checks. We appreciate eCheck payments since they keep our expenses and your costs down.



Schedule - West Mercer

K-2nd Grades

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| Mandarin | Monday 8:00 am |
| Mandarin | Friday 8:00 am |
| *Extended Mandarin | Monday 8:00 am |
| Spanish | Wednesday 8:00 am |
| Spanish | Thursday 8:00 am |
| *Extended Spanish | Tuesday 8:00 am |

3rd-5th Grades

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| French– Intermediate-Advanced | Tuesday 8:00 am |
| Mandarin– Intermediate-Advanced | Tuesday 8:00 am |
| *Extended Mandarin | Wednesday 8:00 am |
| Spanish– Beginner Plus | Monday 8:00 am |
| *Extended Spanish | Friday 8:00 am |

*Extended Language classes are open to all students already enrolled once/week in a class. This is the second class weekly and encourages students to extend their language learning through the arts.

For additional options, see the Island Park schedule and consider busing your student.



Schedule - Island Park

K-2nd Grades

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| French | Monday 2:20 pm |
| French | Wednesday 8:00 am |
| *Extended French | Wednesday 8:00 am |
| Mandarin | Monday 2:20 pm |
| Spanish | Monday 2:20 pm |
| Spanish | Tuesday 8:00 am |

3rd-5th Grades

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| French– Beginner Plus | Wednesday 3:50 pm |
| *Extended French | Monday 8:00am |
| Spanish– Intermediate-Advanced | Friday 8:00 am |
| *Extended Spanish | Tuesday 3:50 pm |

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For additional before-school options, see the West Mercer schedule and consider busing your student.



Schedule - Lakeridge

K-2nd Grades

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| Mandarin | Thursday 3:40 pm |
| Spanish | Monday 2:10 pm |
| Spanish | Wednesday 8:10 am |
| Spanish | Thursday 3:40 pm |
| *Extended Spanish | Tuesday 3:40 pm |

3rd-5th Grades

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| Mandarin– Beginner Plus | Thursday 8:10 am |
| Spanish– Beginner Plus | Monday 2:10 pm |
| Spanish– Beginner Plus | Wednesday 3:40 pm |
| Spanish– Intermediate-Advanced | Monday 8:10 am |

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