Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to my Mandarin class! I'm very excited to have all the lovely students in my class, and my goal is to ensure everyone is actively exploring and engaged in Mandarin language and culture. Please read the class outline and required materials, and remind student to bring the materials to class daily.

General Course Information:

Introduction to Mandarin covers beginner-level Mandarin skills. Students will get to know the basic cultural and linguistic knowledges of Mandarin, and converse frequently on daily topics covering greetings, numbers, family members, hobbies, etc. Student-centered group/pair conversational activity (such as rap, chants, songs and presentations), and multi-media based collaborative research projects will be facilitated to achieve maximum learning outcome.

REQUIRED materials to bring to class daily:

- 1. Ni Hao 1 textbook;
- 2. A two-pocket plastic folder (will be provided in class, to keep all supplemental notes and handouts from teacher);
- 3. A spiral notebook AND pencil (Parents please get these for your student);

Homework and Grading Policy:

Student's final grade is composed of class participation/assignments(20%), test scores(20%), homework(20%), projects/presentations(20%), and semester finals(20%). All work must be turned in on time, following the directions and fully completed for full credit. Late works turned in within one month will receive 90% credit; works within two months will receive 75% credit.

Tutoring Hours:

I offer tutoring every Tuesday after school from 3:20-4:20.

It is my highest priority to ensure that all students are actively learning in my class. Please don't hesitate to call or email me with any questions or suggestions on how I might better assist your child. My number: (916)567-5540 Ext 7043. My email: zabutin@natomasunified.org. Let's work together to make it a memorable and successful year for all our students. Thank you for your time and support!