



BILINGUAL BUDS
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WORLD RENOWN CHILDREN'S BOOK AUTHOR-ELEANOR COERR-TO VISIT BILINGUAL BUDS

Eleanor Coerr, an internationally known children's book author who wrote *Sadako and The Thousand Paper Cranes*, will visit Bilingual Buds the morning of February 9, 2009. Eleanor Coerr will discuss one of her books, *Chang's Paper Pony*, with pre-schoolers and kindergarteners. Eleanor Coerr was born in 1922 in Kamsack, Saskatchewan, Canada, and she grew up in Saskatoon. She began her professional life as a newspaper reporter and editor of a column for children. Early in her career she began writing books for children and has published over twenty books to date, including several about Asian children reflecting her life in Japan, Taiwan and the Philippines. In addition to her writing, Eleanor has taught children's literature at Monterey Peninsula College and creative writing at Chapman College in California. She is frequently asked to visit schools and discuss her work both in the USA and throughout Latin America, Asia and the former Soviet Union. A partial list of her books includes *The Big Balloon Race*, *Mieko and the Fifth Treasure*, *The Bell Ringer and the Pirates*, *Lady with a Torch* and the *Josefina Story Quilt*. According to Sharon Huang, Founder and Director of the school, "this story is an excellent complement to our English curriculum as it's about a young immigrant Chinese boy coming to America. The story captures Chinese history and culture and we're thrilled to have the author discuss it at our school." The event is open to Bilingual Buds parents as well as their children and the author will be available for book signings immediately after her talk.

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About Bilingual Buds

Bilingual Buds is the first Mandarin immersion school for children (ages 1-10) in New Jersey offering classes five days per week. The school, located in Summit, NJ, began in early 2005 and has over 150 students enrolled in Mommy & Me, preschool, full day kindergarten, after school classes and Summer camps in New Jersey and (in 2009) Beijing, China all taught by native Mandarin speakers. The event is open to Bilingual Buds parents as well as their children and the author will be available for book signings immediately after her talk.

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