



BILINGUAL BUDS
immersion school for children
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BILINGUAL BUDS EXTENDS MANDARIN IMMERSION CLASSES FOR CHILDREN TO FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD GRADES

Bilingual Buds will expand its Mandarin immersion classes for children to include first graders starting Fall, 2009, second graders in Fall, 2010 and third graders starting a year later in 2011. Starting this September, the children will be taught in a combined kindergarten/first grade class that will meet all New Jersey state and Summit Board of Education core curriculum requirements. Children in this multi-aged dual language class will receive Mandarin and English instruction at a 60/40 ratio (50/50 for the 2nd and 3rd grades). All core subjects will be delivered in a parallel cross-curricular fashion to ensure children are capable of reading, writing and communicating fluently in both languages. Art, music, drama and physical education will round out the educational experience of the students.

The school's Founder and Director, Sharon Huang, has remarked that "the original impetus behind this decision was parent interest; however, we believe offering these programs will solidify the Mandarin Chinese foundation of our current pre-school and kindergarten students."

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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 school has been featured in The New York Times, New Jersey Star Ledger, CNN, CBS News and NJ12 television. www.bilingualbuds.com

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