







## At Barnhart, global citizenship starts early

Barnhart's TK to 2nd Mandarin program develops language skills and cultural awareness through engaging, age appropriate instruction. Under the guidance of Mrs. Markis, a seasoned dual language educator, students build a strong foundation to succeed in a global world.

## What Will Your Child Gain?

Students build foundational skills in vocabulary, conversation, and character recognition. Each grade focuses on different areas to guide students in developing speaking, reading, listening, and writing abilities. Through practicing penmanship with pencils, chalk, and calligraphy brushes, students may master up to 500 Chinese characters. Strengthening fine motor skills and fostering a deep appreciation for the culture.

## What Will Your Child Know?

Mrs. Markis, a passionate dual language educator and accomplished global music performer, guides students through a vibrant program that combines language learning with music, poetry, culture, and more. Her creative approach ignites curiosity and helps students form meaningful connections to Mandarin and its rich cultural traditions.

## What Will Your Child Show?

Learners from a variety of backgrounds joyfully participate in cultural events like Lunar New Year and Barnhart Around the World and more. Students proudly sharing their learning through music, dance, and exhibits. Understanding that Mandarin language and culture offer valuable insights to every student; these experiences build confidence, celebrate diversity, and nurture a heartfelt pride in cultural appreciation.





