

Mandarin Immersion in Kindergarten



Batesville Primary School is Making it Happen!



WE ARE a rural school in southeastern Indiana that serves 475+ students in grades PreK-2nd grade.

OUR STUDENTS & FAMILIES have shown tremendous support for this new adventure in learning. Over 40% of the students registered for Kindergarten have applied to our Mandarin program.

OUR TEACHERS have years of experience at the Kindergarten level or have taught in a Mandarin immersion program. Both teachers will spend a week at Indiana University this summer learning about immersion learners and developing curriculum.

OUR PROMISING PRACTICE is Mandarin immersion beginning at the Kindergarten level. Our model is 50/50 immersion. Our 49 students will spend half of their instructional day learning with a Kindergarten teacher in English, and the other half of their day they will be learning with their Mandarin speaking Kindergarten teacher. Students will be learning all Kindergarten standards, but they will have the added benefit of learning to read, write, and speak Mandarin. All students in the building will be participating in monthly Chinese culture activities to promote global awareness for everyone.

OUR STEPS started with the development of an enthusiastic team. That team participated in site visits, helped present at parent and staff meetings, attended conferences, participated in the hiring of a Mandarin teacher, developed cultural lessons for each grade level, and helped determine many different procedures for our program.

We will kick-off our inaugural year of Mandarin immersion with a Summer Camp led by our two teachers where students can begin to learn and have fun in English and Mandarin!

IN OUR OWN WORDS

"The BPS Chinese Immersion Committee did an amazing job presenting the new language immersion opportunity for our child. After attending one information session, we knew it was the right program for our daughter. Even though we are out of district and have a 40 minute commute, we are committed to helping make this program a success for the next thirteen years."

—BPS Parent

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