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The Primary Day School  
Mandarin Chinese Language Teacher – Part Time  
PT/10 month

### **About The Primary Day School:**

Founded in 1944, The Primary Day School in Bethesda, Maryland, is a school for boys and girls from Pre-Kindergarten through Second Grade. We are the only school in the area that focuses exclusively on children in this unique age group, and we do so for a very important reason. These are the most crucial learning years in children's lives, a time when they are bursting with potential, ready for quantum leaps of development. At Primary Day, everything we do focuses on helping young children flourish—as learners and as people—during this vitally important time of life. The Primary Day School was founded as a demonstration school for the Phonovisual Method, a unique, phonics-based approach to teaching reading and language arts that remains vital to each student's educational journey today. To learn more about our school and its community, curriculum and traditions please visit [www.theprimarydayschool.org](http://www.theprimarydayschool.org).

### **Position Summary:**

We are seeking a dynamic and talented teacher who can teach Chinese for Pre-Kindergarten to Second Grade two days per week (Monday and Friday).

In a response to an increasingly globalized world, PDS developed a FLEX (Foreign Language Exploratory) program for Pre-Kindergarten through Second Grade students in which students are exposed to Chinese, French, and Spanish language and culture.

The emphasis in the FLEX program is on receptive language, with the goals being to develop listening skills and create an atmosphere in which students are confident and comfortable being immersed in the target language. Students are expected to do more listening than speaking, as they are in the input phase of language learning. The idea is to replicate as much as possible the way one's native language is acquired; therefore, the children are surrounded by the target language in an immersion-style setting while being engaged in developmentally appropriate activities.

### **Required Qualifications:**

The successful candidate has native or near-native proficiency and experience teaching. He or she ideally holds a degree in Chinese, possesses excellent English writing and speaking skills, and has basic information technology and computer skills. Previous experience teaching young children is helpful but not required, as is previous experience in a private educational setting.

### **Salary:**

Compensation is competitive with area independent schools and commensurate with experience.

### **To Apply:**

Interested candidates for the Primary Grade teacher position are encouraged to review Primary Day's website at [www.theprimarydayschool.org](http://www.theprimarydayschool.org). To apply for the position, please send the following to [d.evans@theprimarydayschool.org](mailto:d.evans@theprimarydayschool.org).

- letter of interest
- desired salary range
- current resume
- completed application, [application available](#) on the school's website
- references (3)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 18, 2021

No Phone Inquiries Please

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