



High Expectations

A Newsletter for Priddy Parents and Friends

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Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Welcome to the Spring semester at Priddy Learning Academy. We are very excited to have you on board!

For our continuing students, being more than half-way through the school year, we want to keep the momentum going. For our new students joining the program, we are excited to have you here.



Fangjie and Mr. Priddy

We are also pleased to announce an expansion of our writing program. In maintaining Priddy's small student-teacher ratio, students will get personalized one-on-one attention with their writing. Please see the description below.

In addition, we are in the midst of parent conferences. Our goal is to meet with 100% of our parents. I know sometimes that is not possible, and we have to meet over the phone. But in any event, it is important for us, as well as for your children, that we communicate the progress and plan for the upcoming semester. Your feedback is important to us so that we can make adjustments if necessary. We are available mornings, early afternoons, and late evenings up to 10 pm, and Saturday afternoons. Please e-mail or call to set up an appointment.

As we did last year, we will be having an awards ceremony to recognize the achievements of our students. More details will be forthcoming, but it will be sometime in June.

Finally, on behalf of all our staff, thank you for entrusting us with the opportunity to help your children become the best they can be. We take pride in every student, and we see their success as our success. Our overriding goal is to help your children reach their full learning potential, and to help them dream and think BIG!

Sincerely yours,

Michael and Fangjie
Co-Directors

ANNOUNCEMENTS



HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR! LEARN CHINESE!

It's the perfect time to start learning Chinese. January 28 was the Chinese New Year, and it's the year of the Rooster. Learning Chinese is a fun and rewarding activity, whether you're an adult or a student. **We are taking students from grades 3 to 12. We also have adult learning in the mornings and daytime.** Our talented and experienced staff will give you a fun-filled learning experience for all levels, from beginners to advanced. E-mail or call for details.

May the New Year bring you peace, prosperity and good health!

Parent Conferences

If you haven't already, please call our office to schedule a time to discuss your child's progress.

Calendar

We will be closed for the Millburn Midwinter Break from February 20-25, and for the Millburn Spring Recess, April 10-15. See Priddy Learning Academy's calendar at <http://priddylearning.com/calendar>. You can also see our Facebook page for reminders.

Writing Program

We are now offering writing classes throughout the week. Please see below and call for availability.

Like us on Facebook!

When you like our Facebook page, you'll receive updates and relevant information we think you'll enjoy, such as an articles from the New York Times and Oxford Journals about [the importance of physical books at home](#), and [scholarly culture and academic performance](#).

Writing

Group Sessions

Become a stronger writer. Improve your critical thinking skills. Learn to analyze literature and even write some of your own. This class features two components: reading comprehension and writing. We study complete and excerpts of literary works in fiction, nonfiction, and poetry, asking, "What is the meaning/tone/structure/characterization/plot?" As writers and careful readers, we seek to derive meaning and support our claims.

Our goal is for students to be able to perform literary analysis in their critical writing, and apply literary techniques to their creative writing. Students write everyday in class and receive 1-1 attention, where we pay attention to sentence structure (craft), developing original ideas, vocabulary, as well as spelling and grammar.

Whether you love writing or are learning to love it, come prepared to practice. Instructor Carly Susser has taught writing to adults and students of all ages. She is a published writer in creative nonfiction and poetry, and is currently the editor-in-chief of a literary review based in New Jersey. She has been with Priddy Learning Academy since 2015.

Private Writing Tutorials and College Essay

Dr. James McBride is available for private and small group tutorials on weekday evenings and Sunday. His expertise is in literary analysis, history, religion, and law. In addition, Dr. McBride is an expert on helping students write their college essay. Having served on admission committees in academia, he provides a valuable insight into the process.

