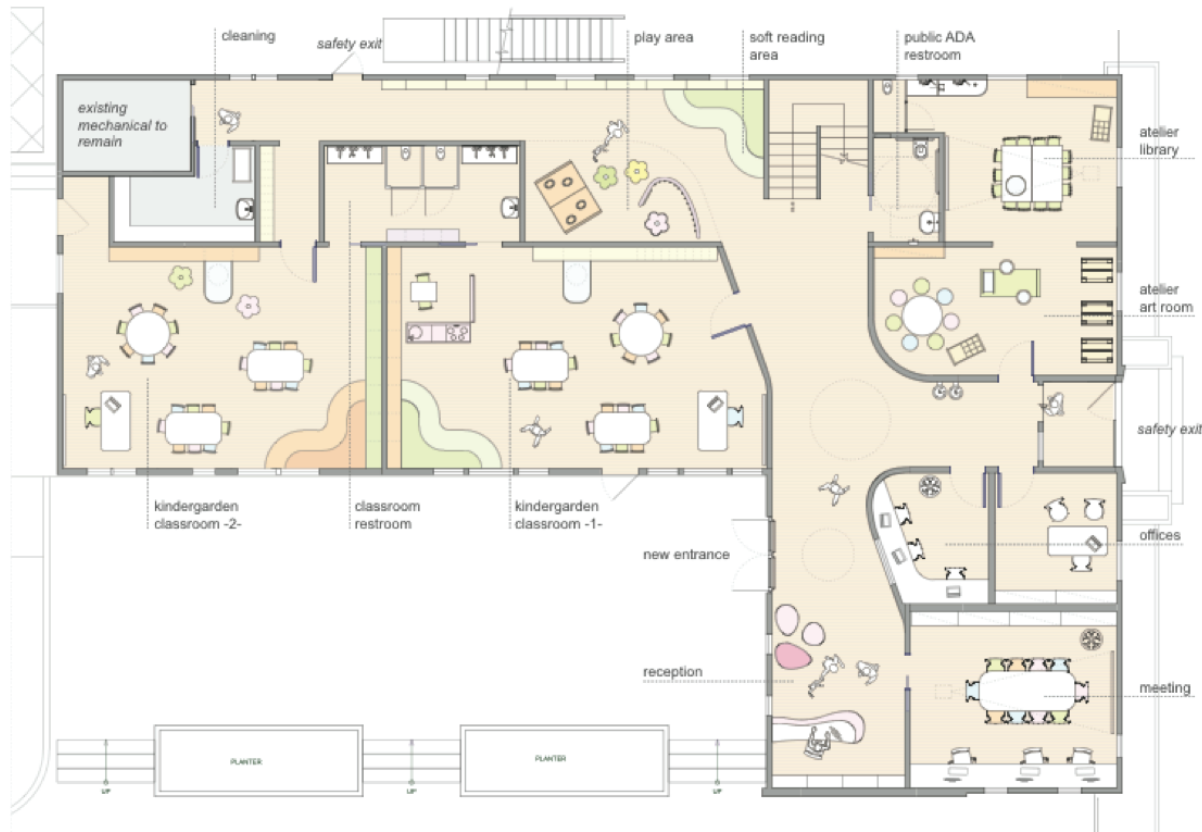


RENOVATING THE SECOND BUILDING OF PRESIDIO KNOLLS KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM

To accommodate the first two years of classes, we will renovate the convent building adjacent to the current facility. These schematics for the ground floor were prepared by the same architects who designed the preschool classrooms. This will be an entirely internal renovation, scheduled for completion over the summer at a budget of ~\$500K.

FIRST FLOOR



kindergarten classroom



atelier art room



offices



kindergarten classroom



reception



meeting room

OUR
MISSION

Our mission is to educate and inspire our students to become confident, creative and responsible individuals engaged in the global community through an innovative Mandarin immersion program that combines academic excellence with social and emotional development to foster a lifelong passion for learning.

GUIDING
PRINCIPLES

- Academic Excellence
- Exceptional Teachers
- Progressive Educational Best Practices
- Comprehensive Mandarin Immersion
- Community Engagement & Global Perspective
- Passionate School Community
- Continuous Improvement

OVERVIEW

- Grades K-8
- Opening in fall 2012 with K-2nd grade; additional grades to be added each subsequent year
- 2 classes of 20 students per grade
- 10:1 student/teacher ratio
- Extended care available

ACADEMIC APPROACH

We seek to challenge students with a rich and rigorous curriculum relevant to the group and responsive to individual strengths and abilities.

- Learning through direct experience and hands-on exploration that taps into natural curiosity
- Working cooperatively with peers to communicate, negotiate and problem solve
- Taking risks in a challenging, supportive environment
- Engaging with the broader community through service learning projects

Students will acquire the essential skills of reading, writing, mathematics, effective communication and problem solving, and will use technology in support of this learning. They will tap into their creative potential through the arts and find joy in play and movement. Students will develop good study habits based on an understanding of their own learning styles.

Learning Through Interaction

PKS understands that different children have different styles of learning and interacting. Our teachers encourage students to explore their individual interests and to think independently and critically, while also collaborating in teams. The curriculum uses a topic-based approach, combining individual and group projects to give children the opportunity to better understand themselves and their thoughts.

Meaningful Language Immersion

Unlike traditional Mandarin-immersion models, the PKS program instills a deeper understanding and appreciation of the rich philosophy and history behind the Chinese language. By exploring the evolution of Chinese characters and understanding Chinese stories and legends, children learn language in the context of its culture, enabling them to communicate even more effectively.

From kindergarten to second grade, all subjects except English language arts are taught in Mandarin. Beginning in the third grade, history, social studies and science classes will be taught in English.

Arts, Music and Sports

PKS believes that every child is born an artist, and will nurture that spirit and creativity. With our integrated, thematic approach to learning, music and art also advance the academic curriculum. For example, understanding rhythm, beats and measures is a form of math while playing with different paint colors is an opportunity to teach about the light spectrum and the biology of how our eyes perceive color.

PKS also believes that physical education is a key part of the whole child development. We will provide traditional programs such as soccer, as well as programs culturally relevant to a Mandarin Immersion environment, such as dance, tai chi and kung fu. The campus has plenty of outdoor space for sports, including a full basketball court, and will have dance and martial arts studios. Over time we may build out an indoor gymnasium.

Holistic Student Wellness Services

Learning specialists and school counselors support the development of academic, social, emotional and behavioral skills. The team will identify the needs of each classroom and child, and provide a wide range of services from one-on-one support to small group programs.

PKS
SUMMER
CAMP

Receive 25% off all sessions if you enroll by May 1st!

Applications due by May 15, 2012

The PKS Elementary Summer Program runs Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 3:30 pm for children in Kindergarten through 2nd grades. Participants must have some level of Mandarin. Each of the four sessions will include outdoor play and classroom learning, including Chinese songs, music, gymnastics, soccer, and arts and crafts.

May 29–June 15 (3 weeks)
July 2–July 13 (2 weeks)
July 16–July 27 (2 weeks)
July 30–Aug 10 (2 weeks)