

SMALL TALK OFFERS **THREE AGE LEVELS** OF CLASS OPTIONS ORGANIZED INTO **8-WEEK SESSIONS**.

The teacher uses the same topics based on a curriculum which immerses “students” in language and culture. By including age-specific activities for each class level, the teacher engages all her students in the language acquisition process.

0-18 months: Sit back and relax as the teacher sings authentic lullabies, reads traditional stories, and chants delightful rhymes while you cuddle your little one and visually explore the “country” and culture surrounding you.

18 months – 3 years: Let your toddler play with toys and items native to the country you are exploring as the teacher leads you through activities designed to foster understanding of the language and culture through song, storytelling, and movement.

3-5 years: Allow your preschooler to “travel” to new places and experience language with an energetic, native speaking teacher...It’s all fun, all games, all stories, all the time!

By **limiting class size to eight participants** and requiring a **one to one parent/child ratio**, Small Talk promotes the best possible learning environment.

Kurasa!
(Classes!)



An adventure for grown-ups and little ones, alike!

Through our classes, you can:

- **Explore** the world without leaving town.
- **Engage** in other languages and cultures.
- **Exercise** your brains.
- **Enjoy** new friendships.

Small Talk is a unique parent/child experience based on the latest linguistic research and cognitive science. Our professional staff engages you and your child while exploring a different language and culture. You’ll partner with a native-speaking teacher specifically trained in Second Language Acquisition in **Mandarin, Spanish, French, or Japanese**.



Let’s Talk!

To register your child for a Small Talk class in your area, visit our website to view information and schedules for current classes. Then, simply call, email or print and complete the online registration form.

At each of our Small Talk locations, language offerings vary to meet the needs of each unique community.

Because research shows that level of fluency in a second language directly corresponds with the amount of time someone is exposed to that language, Small Talk offers a **discount** for attending more than one class per week. Come once, twice, or even three times a week!

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(Contact Us!)



Small Talk Brings a Big World Home!

Small Talk

World
Language
for Kids



Pour quoi?

(Why?)



Why Language At Such A Young Age?

Brain research on infants before the age of ten months shows that they are born with the capacity to distinguish any sound from any world language. After one year, babies begin to sift through sounds and focus on those unique to their native language.

Hearing more than one language will positively affect children's cognitive abilities and increase their capacity to master native-like pronunciation if they choose to continue language study.

In our increasingly interconnected world, being proficient in other languages and cultures will no longer be merely beneficial but rather necessary to maintain a competitive edge in the global marketplace.

What About Mommy Or Daddy?

According to brain research, even taking a different route to work helps to exercise our mental muscles. **Imagine what learning a second language will do!** Small Talk offers both you and your children an alternative way to "absorb" language and culture. Small Talk also provides **materials** based on each class for you to take home and experience with your child throughout the week.



Why Culture?

According to language and anthropology experts, language and culture are inextricably intertwined.

At Small Talk, **we take seriously the relationship between language and culture.** When you enter class, not only will you and your child hear a different language, you will also immerse yourselves in a different culture. As you and your little one spend time engaging one another in the new language and culture by learning from a native speaking teacher, you promote the view that all people **regardless of race, language, or country of origin** are intrinsically valuable.

"The limits of my language mean the limits of my world." -Ludwig Wittgenstein (1889-1951)

Cognitive Benefits

Exposure to a world language at a young age:

- Positively affects brain development
- Prepares children for reading
- Develops in children a unique sensitivity to not only language in general, but also to the people who speak those languages
- Compels children to learn still more languages
- Allows children to sound like native speakers of that language
- Increases the likelihood of children becoming fluent in more than one language giving them the opportunity to excel in the global marketplace
- May ensure that children score higher on standardized tests such as the MEAP.

"The mind is more like a muscle than we've realized...It needs exercise." -James Flynn

Parents Speak Up!

"Just yesterday Emma woke up and sang an entire Small Talk song in Spanish! I couldn't believe my ears! During class she loves to listen and dance. **Small Talk is definitely the highlight of Emma's week!"**
Kendra (& Emma, 3 years old)

"Small Talk has been great for Bella. She not only gets to spend time with other children her age, she is exposed to a new language. She can even say and understand a few words in French. **We have truly enjoyed it!"**
Stephanie (& Bella 18 months)

"We love Small Talk! Clara and I were waiting in line to ride the carousel at the mall. A Spanish speaking family was waiting in front of us with a little boy, about Clara's age. He looked at Clara and in Spanish, asked if he could hold her hand, and without second thought, she reached out held his hand. Amazing! After 4 Spanish classes, my daughter can understand another child's request—a priceless moment for a mom!"
Sarah (& Clara, 21 months)

"Carter loves going to Small Talk. There, he can play with toys, sing songs, and just be himself while at the same time he is immersed in a language and culture that will benefit him his entire life. **I feel that is a wonderful gift a father can give his son."**
Chris (& Carter, 23 months)

"Benjamin really loves going to Small Talk. He answers questions in Mandarin and even sings songs! We practice at home with the provided materials and CD's. **Almost everyday Benjamin asks when we are going to Small Talk!"**
Anne, Drew (& Benjamin, 2 1/2 years)