

## New game to help Chicagoan kids learn Chinese

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Teaching your children Mandarin can be easy

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A new set of games from Miami University professor Lindsay Grace aims to help parents teach toddlers Mandarin Chinese. The game is called My Child Knows Chinese. It's a set of mini games designed to engage young children and expose them to the distinct sounds of Mandarin Chinese.

The game comes from research on the award winning Polyglot Cubed game he developed for adults. Both games are designed using basic theories in language development and game design. My Child Knows Chinese uses toddler friendly images and simple interactions to keep children as young as one year old engaged. The secret sauce is the combination of delivery and content.

The game is available for iPhone, iPad, iTouch and will soon be available for Android devices. The game series is useful for parents who are homeschooling children, want to maximize their child's ability to learn Mandarin, or simply want to keep their toddler busy for a few minutes. Parents interested in developing their child's language skills should remember that the key to learning any language is exposure.

Mobile technology like My Child Knows Chinese supports anytime, anyplace learning. The transportation

set can be used for trips. The numbers set is useful for trips to the zoo or grocery store. There is a free version available for parents to try. The other games in the series are less than a dollar, so parents won't have to dig deep to get their children learning Chinese. Get more information about the games at <http://www.MyChildKnowsChinese.com> (<http://www.mychildknowschinese.com/>) or visit Apple's iTunes store and Google Play to get a copy for mobile devices.

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