



UCA's BEAR WORLD Presents

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Thanksgiving Break information

Hurray and happy November! We are now entering the eighth week of CLS classes! Our policy is to have no Children's CLS classes during the week of Thanksgiving since the Conway schools are closed all week. All adult classes will be held except for Adult Beginners Plus Spanish or Adult French, which fall on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday Nov. 26th) itself. See the website for the Fall calendar: www.uca.edu/wlan and click on CLS, then the Fall Calendar link.

End of term and makeup classes

Children's classes will end the week of Dec. 1st except for any make-up classes. Some of the Thursday classes missed one lesson due to UCA's fall break and the Monday classes missed a day due to the unexpected campus closing for the shooting incident. Ask the teacher if you have any doubts about what your last day will be.



Coming this summer: UCA Bear Camps!

The Community Language School offers three week-long day-camps (8:30am-3:00pm) for children going into 1st – 5th grade. BEAR CAMP is a blast—teachers use lively, hands-on, interactive techniques: games, songs, crafts, cooking, and dancing to teach language and culture. BEAR CAMP is held on the UCA campus. Why not sign your child up for all three camps?? We have kept our cost low for families with several children: only \$100 tuition per camp plus a \$25 per family registration-materials fee.

● **Spanish Bear Camp--July 20-24th, 2009.** Fiesta time!! Here's a chance for your kids to study Spanish intensively and explore the Hispanic world and its diverse cultures. The children celebrate the holidays unique to these areas of the world while learning songs, listening to stories, making crafts, playing games and eating typical snacks.

● **NEW! Camp Global--Around the World in a Week--July 27-31st** This a new camp with a global flavor. The kids will travel to China, Japan, Germany, Italy, Mozambique and Brazil and along with crafts, games, songs, food and culture; they'll learn some Chinese, Japanese, German, Italian and Portuguese! Go global with Camp Global!

● **French Bear Camp--Aug.3-7th, 2009.** Mardi Gras, Poisson d'Avril, Bastille Day, Joyeux Noël and Bonne Année, le Premier Mai...these are just some of the Francophone holidays that your kids will celebrate in addition to daily intensive French lessons. They will sing songs and eat their way through a typical French year while making crafts, playing games and having fun.



Looking for some great Internet sites to use?

FANS OF JAPANESE LANGUAGE: Here are some really great Japanese websites:

www.genkienglish.net/genkijapan/menu.htm This site offers some interesting things to see and learn about Japan. They also have a number icon that you can click on which will start an interactive Japanese number rap. It's really intense and interesting!

www.infohost.nmt.edu/~armiller On this site you can double click on the Hiragana table. They also have kana sayings, numbers and photos of Japan. The photos are absolutely beautiful!

MEXICAN CULTURE SITE:

www.mexconnect.com This is also an interesting site to just learn new facts and culture about Mexico. Look ahead for information on Mexican holidays (e.g. Christmas customs: Las Posadas)

BEST FRENCH WEBSITES:

A wide variety of selected French links to tons of sites designed to help students and their teachers, online French lessons, help, worksheets, websites, grammar, verbs. **www.uni.edu/becker/french31.html**

ALL LANGUAGES!!

Here is an interesting site dedicated to the written text of all languages. It is very interesting but the home page starts out in French. First change the language to English in order to be able to read the directions and then choose the language you want to type. A keyboard with the symbols for your language appears on the screen. Then you may type in the words you would like to transform, and then practice your desired language. The site is **www.lexilogos.com**. It uses very sophisticated software and is a lot of fun to use.



HOW'S YOUR VOCABULARY IN ENGLISH? Find out, and at the same time, help to feed hungry people all over the world! Here is a wonderful site which will motivate your children to learn more vocabulary (it's really fun for adults, too...) With a single click (if you get the meaning of the word right) you can have 20 grains of rice donated to hungry people by various food agencies. This is a fun vocabulary game which will test your knowledge of English. The level of word difficulty changes as you play: the better you do, the more the game bumps you up to a higher level, so it works well for everyone regardless of their vocabulary proficiency (I finally made it to level 50!!!) You will enjoy learning new words as you see the piles of rice grow larger and larger. **NOTE: DON'T BLAME ME IF YOU SPEND HOURS PLAYING THIS GAME AND CAN'T GET ANY OF YOUR WORK DONE!** **www.freerice.com**

Cut this out and return to your child's teacher:

SURVEY QUESTION FOR PARENTS:

(Under consideration for the Fall 2009 semester)

Would it be more convenient (better) for your family if we were to change to a once-a-week lesson (one hour long) for your kids instead of the current twice a week format?

___ YES (why?) _____

___ NO (why not?) _____