# Fresno STARTALK: The Oriental Express

#### What is STARTALK?

STARTALK is a NSA funded program that aims to promote critical language learning and instruction. It offers summer programs for American youth to learn and experience languages that are critical to our national security. It also aims to train teachers of these languages.

#### Fresno STARTALK

Our summer program was a 3 week half-day Chinese program that taught 3th-8th grade students beginning Chinese. Students also had the opportunity to visit the Asian Art Museum and Chinatown on a field trip to San Francisco as a culmination of the program.



## **A Typical Camp Day**

Students began the day at 8 AM in the morning. Student would meet in the main classroom to explore the daily topic. After a short presentation, students headed back to their classrooms for further enrichment through learning activities. The day also included dance, martial arts, and craft activities.



## **Program Impact**

Students of the program left with a greater appreciation to the Chinese language and culture. Students and families also learned the importance of learning world language and the opportunities that are available for them and their future.

## **Summer STARTALK 2019**

Fresno STARTALK will return June 24th through July 12th. We hope to continue to inspire our youth in the valley in learning world languages and exploring other cultures.



Interested? Registration has started. Leave your name and email address, or contact our program coordinator Li Mann at FresnoSTARTALK@gmail.com

