

Reading & Writing

Program Description:

The Reading & Writing program is designed for children aged 5-12 with fluent (or near fluent) levels of Mandarin Chinese.

Format: Classes are based around themed storybook reading. Students begin building literacy, then work on competency in reading, from guided reading to autonomous reading, and then we can achieve the goal of **cultivating lifelong readers**. While achieving reading goals, we work on language competence and **cultural knowledge** as well.

Cultural knowledge:

students will learn about

- Chinese idioms
- Ancient myths
- Classic stories
- Famous Chinese people
- Traditional festivals
- Chinese folk culture
- Chinese poets
- Chinese architecture

....and many other aspects of Chinese culture.



Teaching focus: Teachers focus on five aspects- listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking.

- Each level focuses on ten reading topics, and the story contents cover topics such as: daily life, natural science, social interactions, emotional expression, culture, and art, etc.
- The lessons guide students to learn words and sentences in the context of the stories they read.
- Students will enhance their reading ability, and also gain an **in-depth understanding of Chinese culture**
- Each level has 10 topics and units and each topic has 5 lessons

CH Course	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Level 7	Level 8	Level 9	Level 10	Level 11	Level 12
HSK	Level 2		Level 3			Level 4			Level 5			
Suggested Learning Period	4-6 months	5-7 months	5-7 months	5-7 months	5-7 months	5-7 months	5-7 months	5-7 months	5-7 months	6-8 months	6-8 months	6-8 months
Unit	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Session	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
New characters learned	207	257	247	238	250	250	200	200	200	150	150	150
New characters written	70	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	50	50	50
Class length	25min	25min	40min	40min	40min	40min	40min	40min	40min	40min	40min	40min
Vocabulary	300	500	1,000	1,200	1500-2000	Under development						
Sentence & Grammar	50	50	100	80+	100+							
Total characters read	2,860	5,807	9,298	15,061	22,000							
Total stories read	41	49	50	50	40							

5 levels currently developed, 12 planned

Level 1 and 2- classes are 25 minutes

Levels 3 and higher- classes are 40 minutes

- **L1-L2:** Equivalent to 1st Grade Chinese Elementary School curriculum (basic literacy stage, 0 ~ 500 words)
- **L3-L5:** Equivalent to 2nd Grade Chinese Elementary (basic reading stage, 500 ~ 1000 words, simple stories, fairy tales, short picture books)
- **L6-L8:** Aligned with 3rd Grade Chinese curriculum (reading level increases, work on reading skills and strategies, teach students to infer meanings, students will be able to read science books and short children's novels, etc.)
- **L9-L10:** Equivalent to 4th Grade Chinese levels (independent reading stage)
- **L11-L12:** 5th Grade Elementary School level (students can read for the purpose of gaining knowledge, make use of advanced reading strategies)

Level Contents/Themes:

Level 1: numbers, school, colors, etc.

Level 2: My relationship with school, lifestyle, time

Level 3: Social relations, world geography, popular culture, etc.

Level 4: Human-machine relationships, nature, Chinese New Year, etc.

Level 5: Holidays, mystery of nature, ancient China, traditional Chinese folktales, etc.

Folk Tales/Cultural Lessons by Level:

Level 1: Fox Tricks the Tiger, Ma Liang and the Magic Paintbrush, Mid-Autumn Festival, etc.



大家看见它们，都吓跑了。
men xià



坏人来了，就画上大风和大浪。
huài jiù làng

Level 2: Story of the Nian (New Year myth), Spring Festival, Qingming Festival, Chinese Zodiac, Poem of Tomorrow, etc.



小朋友，你想属什么？
xiǎng shǔ

Level 3: festival food, weather proverbs, Viewing the Waterfall at Mt. Lu (famous poem), Three Friends of Winter (Pine, Bamboo, Plum)- a traditional motif in Chinese artwork, the meaning of the Chinese name, the differences between Northern and Southern climates, etc.



Level 4: Chinese New Year, Cao Chong Weighs Elephants, Sun Wukong (Monkey King) Fights Monsters, etc.



Level 5: Story of Mulan, Story of Zhenghe (famous Chinese explorer), Ancient China's Lifestyle

