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The Kids are Home... Now What?

Advice for Barrington Chinese Immersion Parents - 3/20



Making the most of school closure

Welcome to a special (although unplanned!) edition of the BCIC Newsletter! We hope you are healthy and safe and are following all precautions necessary to protect yourselves and your families during these challenging and anxious times in our country and our world.

It is unfortunate that the Coronavirus is keeping us apart from each other! We at home may start to feel a little "too close for comfort", if you know what I mean! But I'm sure you are aware, in an effort to retain student engagement, the faculty at District 220 are working hard at providing virtual interaction with the kids! For example, as I'm typing this, my daughter is right next to me having a "Math Group Chat" facilitated by her teacher! And I'm sure at this moment, hundreds of other students are taking advantage of their teachers' time with the technology (iPads) provided to them.

So this newsletter is our way to connect with you as we all practice social distancing. Although it's not packed with the same amount of content as other editions, we hope you find some helpful tidbits in the information we share . . . courtesy of our board and a faculty member!

Wishing you all the best,

At-Home Chinese Resources!

Mrs. Weerts, one of our middle school teachers, has provided students with a list of language and reading materials for a variety of grade levels. Check them out - there are a lot of interesting topics! Thanks so much, Mrs. Weerts!



1. Mandarin for me <http://mandarinforme.com/chinese-learning-videos/leveled-reading-books-level-1/>
2. 中文阅读天地 https://collections.uiowa.edu/chinese/topic_beginning.html
3. Yes, Chinese <http://www.yes-chinese.com/reading/list.do?type=2&level=GR-01&topic=>
4. Chinese For Kids: Chinese leveled reading, songs and resources. <https://chinese4kids.net>
5. Chinese Text Sampler: An annotated collection of digitized Chinese texts for students of Chinese language and Culture <http://www-personal.umich.edu/%7Edporter/sampler/sampler.html>
6. Classical Chinese Readings: <http://zhongwen.com/gudian.htm>
7. Cartoonwin: Comic Reader (QJReader) software needs to be downloaded and installed before reading these picture books <http://www.cartoonwin.com/eng/>

And check out these videos!

1. 快乐星球 Happy Star <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MdUWbpDDTrs&list=PL2CFr1dr2LdaCqIW8qk2KaYh9yLaGKsmZ>
2. 爸爸去哪儿 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OGVGcNmTsvA&list=PLUM8x224JrX_Dh3aC_9zx45Kr_qpZYic
3. 猪猪侠 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ibnvDNw8TTk>
4. 小鼠乒乓之成语大典 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DrRSOfsAyj4&list=PLmmHmNsGmvmr4dmVPLUUTusI5JGDPL1CJ>

Additional resources!

- Michelle Chase, the mother of a daughter in 6th grade CI, wants to let you know that the highly-rated Mango Language learning programs are available online to Barrington Area library card holders at no cost. Additionally, Mango is also making their programs available at no cost to students whose schools are closed! Check them out at <https://mangolanguages.com/>.
- And, don't forget about the sight words by grade level on good old Quizlet! <https://quizlet.com/bcic220> Please note that the audio is currently disabled, but it is still good review/practice for character recognition and comprehension.

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fun and simple tips! Julie Carani, a mother of two children in CI, suggests:

1. Use Post-Its to label household items in Chinese, like "door", "refrigerator", etc.!
2. Have your child teach YOU Chinese! With phrases such as "wash your hands", "clean up your room", and "do your homework"
3. Teach your dog to obey to Chinese commands
4. Create a tutorial on making dumplings or eggrolls!
5. Compile your grocery list in Chinese!
6. Share your child's older/unused Chinese books with younger family or CI students!

Do you have any other fun ideas to share with the group? Let us know by posting on one of our social media pages: Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!

Postponed Chinese Immersion activities

Please take note of the events below that are currently **postponed**. We will provide updates as soon as they become available!

- Middle School Chinese Club
- End of Year Awards Dinner (previously known as the Potluck Dinner)
- BCIC's April 7 General Meeting
- Any planned activities at Greencastle Manor



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Our mission is to advocate for and support the Chinese Immersion Program in District 220, Barrington, Illinois: its families, staff and teachers both in and outside of the classroom with advice, materials and experiences not covered by our tax dollars. We aim to build a strong relationship and sense of community between BCIC, the school district, teachers, staff, participating families and the community at large.

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