



The Kids are Home - Now What? Pt. 2

Advice for Barrington Chinese Immersion Parents - May
2020



Making the most of school closure

Hello again! We hope that you are all continuing to stay safe and healthy! We are wishing you brighter days ahead and are thankful for everyone who is helping our students and families through this time.

A big THANK YOU to the teachers who are doing an amazing job teaching our online Chinese Club - Mrs. Weerts, Mr. Yu, Mrs. Zander and Mrs. Pauwels! We appreciate you!

Thank you to all the CI families who are participating in our online Chinese Club. We hope all the students are enjoying this special time practicing Chinese with their wonderful teachers!

The BCIC board put together this little compilation of more Chinese learning ideas from our Kindergarten through 5th grade teachers. The list of Mrs. Weerts' suggestions from our newsletter last March was so successful, we decided to reach out to the elementary CI teachers, and boy did they produce some fine material! For this reason, we won't post ALL of their suggestions in this newsletter. Stay tuned for another one in the next month or so!

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Chinese Summer School Opportunities!

There are 2 options for CI summer school: a new BOSS 220 (Barrington Online Summer School) enrichment course and the regular summer school classes which are now all online.

BOSS 220 Course

Chinese Dragon Boat Festival Celebration; Sports and the Olympics (for Chinese Immersion students in grades 2, 3 and 4)

In this course, students will learn about the Dragon Boat Festival such as describing the boats using colors and body parts, giving the date for the festival and talking about what they like and don't like to do while at the festival. Students will learn how to make traditional sticky rice dumplings (zongzi) and will be able to explain the process, commenting on how they taste. While introducing Dragon Boat Racing, students will begin by talking about the sports, giving their opinions about other sports, talking about locations for specific sports and making connections to the Olympic games (even though the Olympics in Japan will be delayed this year). Students will be able to explain the symbolism of the rings and to consider the Olympic motto "Faster, Higher, Stronger" and how that motto relates to them and to athletes. (Xin Wang)

Parent/Guardian Support: Low

Materials: Paper, Ingredients for making sticky rice dumplings

(list will be provided during Information Night)

Area of Concentration: Chinese, Culture, Literacy

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-W30_q2nr4zhkAuyZBWYVWcBzNC1KxFi5Ejc851ZcAs/edit

Regular summer school

Summer school for elementary students (Mrs. Pauwels) - the password is "Chinese"

<https://barrington220.revtrak.net/RW-Summer-ES-Programs>

Summer school for Middle school (Mrs. Weerts) - the password is "Chinese"

<https://barrington220.revtrak.net/RW-Summer-MS-Programs>

History, Nature, and Music!

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Shi of 3rd grade, and Wang Lao Shi of 2nd grade.

How would you like to spend time watching beautiful nature clips and listening to wonderful Chinese music, all while taking a virtual tour of the Great Wall of China? Well, now you can!



<https://www.thechinaguide.com/destination/great-wall-of-china> provides gorgeous 360 degree views of three popular lookouts.

And the nature clips (14 of them!) <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5WqtuU6JrnW4kEUgSmqdEEH6aZYqP1yu> are not only produced by Conservation International, but includes narration from popular Chinese figures like Star Wars' Jiang Wen, film director Feng Xiong, and more!

And for our younger viewers, or any Disney lovers, you can view the Great Wall with popular Disney Music in Chinese! Frozen's "Let it Go" <https://youtu.be/h8MjP2t1zXw> and Moana's "How Far I'll Go" <https://youtu.be/LpOd3tLvDA>. The singing is beautiful!

Baby Bus, Little Fox and More!

Are you familiar with Baby Bus? Home page: <https://www.youtube.com/user/babybus1000> BabyBus' goal is to make learning a fun experience for earlier-grade kids by creating classic nursery rhymes, kids songs and stories with 2D & 3D animations.

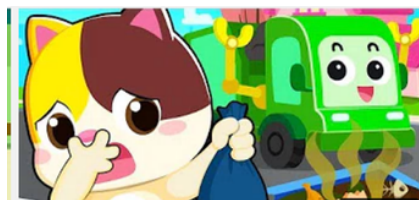
Also, try out The Little Fox who plays songs and stories, including pinyin and tone lessons for younger learners, plus short animated stories with Chinese subtitles.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCipQJmg3yqouy6MRtPv_0Bg And - don't miss out on Elmo's series of 26 Mandarin lessons!

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqebdByEHNL0vfUdFJ3mwCRh_KYGSUZk7



Subway Safety Song



Garbage Truck Song



Big Wolf Drinking Coke Song

More Resources for All Students

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Experiments) in the Academie of Versailles. It offers more than 6000 mp3 resources in 13 languages to listen online or download in order to practice oral comprehension skills. There is no other website offering so many languages, an interface translated in all these languages, so many files and so many possibilities.

- Kids of all ages should check out Digital Dialects!
<https://www.digitaldialects.com/Chinese.htm> The Mandarin Chinese learning materials on Digital Dialects are free to use, and were developed for language students of various ages and learning styles. School students and young children should enjoy some of the colorful and intuitive word games, such as the animal vocabulary game, or the fruit and vegetable quiz. Games include recorded spoken Chinese from a native speaker with a standard accent. For a quieter environment, students are given 'text only' options, which are the games without sound. Games use both pinyin, a romanized Chinese alphabet, and Chinese simplified characters.

Lastly, here are a couple of recommended games from Michelle Chase, one of our board members whose daughter is a 6th grade CI student:

- Storytelling Game - A fun way to play with your child and practice Chinese at the same time is to play a storytelling game in Chinese. This game challenges your child to use their Chinese skills creatively. We like "Tell Tale," but you could also play with Story Cubes too. If all players do not speak Chinese, your child can start the story in Chinese, the other players start in English and players can see how closely their ideas and storylines match up. Players take turns this way to create a story, with a lot of laughs along the way. Challenge your child to create a silly story or use as many descriptive words as possible.
- Chinese Nature Walk - Kids can narrate a nature walk or walking tour in Chinese. Encourage them to pretend to be the leader of a nature hike or a walking tour and point out as many things as possible in Chinese - birds, trees, rock, flowers, houses, etc.

Another way to practice Chinese

Another great way to offer Chinese enrichment is by using . . . believe it or not . . . a good old book!

Of course Amazon has a large variety of Chinese books of all levels. Have you tried these other companies?

- <http://smore>
- <https://www.jojolearning.com/>
- <http://www.chinasprout.com/>
- <https://www.yesasia.com/us/en/chinese-books.html>
- <https://chalkacademy.com/chinese-books-kids-love/>

If you have any additional suggestions, please share them with us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram!



Customized Chinese e-Learning Opportunities

We are offering a fun interactive way during this e-learning time for Chinese Immersion students at the Elementary level to maintain and improve their interpersonal communication skills. They primarily focus on daily common conversations. Mrs. Pauwels is teaching grades 1, 2, and 3 and Ms. Zander is teaching grades 4 and 5! They just started their classes this week and were sold out almost immediately, but now grades 1 and 2 have an additional time slot!!

Also, since April 13, some middle schoolers have been enjoying a chance to get extra Chinese practice during our time at home through e-learning. It's called the Culture Club, and it's being taught by Mrs. Weerts and Mr. Yu.

For more information on any of these offerings, feel free to contact Kate Baker at katebaker05@hotmail.com.

Community Resources for Support

BStrong Together has been created to support parents, children and youth, community members and others impacting the lives of Barrington area children in our shared goal of raising happy, healthy, resilient, and adaptable children capable of successfully navigating the world of today and the future. Website: www.bstrongtogether.org.



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