# Innovative Approaches to Engage, Motivate and Challenge Language Learners

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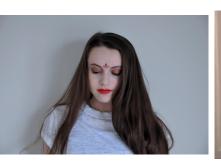




2:30-2:50 pm Frances Fu 傅韻芬

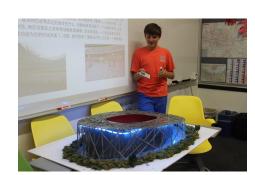
2:50-3:10 pm Lu Li 李露

3:10-3:15 pm Q&A









# 手動 互動 律動 Hands on, Collaborate, Rhythm

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#### Use "Post It" to Teach Phrases 手動+互動

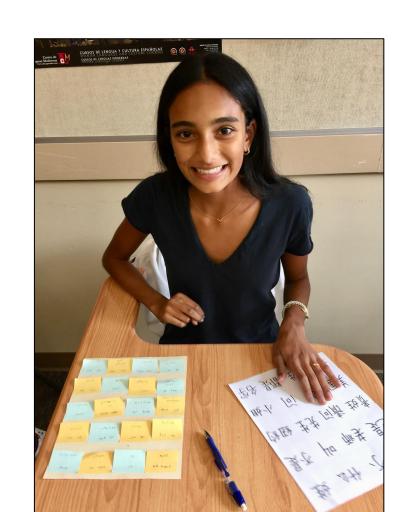
#### three-steps hands-on work

Step 1: Character & Pinyin Writing

Step 2: Recognize & Match

Step 3: Name it & Point out

Chinese Level 1



#### Step1. Character and Pinyin Writing

Write characters on the top

Flip the post-it and write pinyin under it





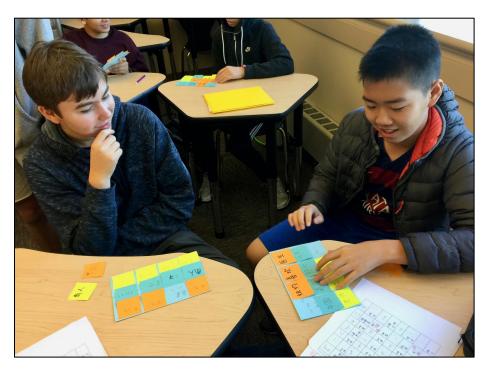
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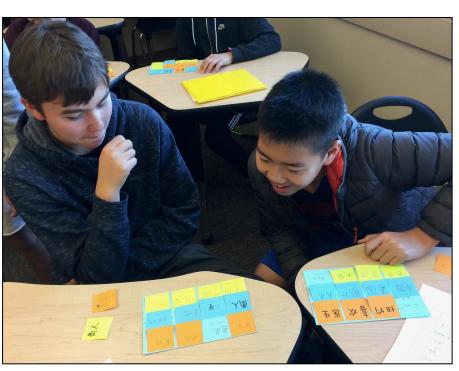




#### Step 3. Name it and Point out

#### Chinese Level 1





#### Chant, Recitation and Games 律動

- -Take attendance "chant"
- 4-Tones Recitation:大學之道
- We Love to Play Games

"My Rooster" "I love my neighborhood"

"Superman Fly!"

Chinese Level 2 & 3



#### Take attendance chant

Start from one student: "王大同 在哪里?" A student replies: "王大同 在这里!" Student continues to call the next one's name. One after one till the last one (include teacher) has been called.



Apply to all levels

#### 4-Tones Recitation 大声朗诵

Read loudly No translation, just read. e.g. 大學之道 三字經 李白的詩-將進酒

Apply to all levels



#### We love to play games

我家的公雞

棒打老虎雞吃蟲

我愛我的鄰居







Chinese Level 2 & 3

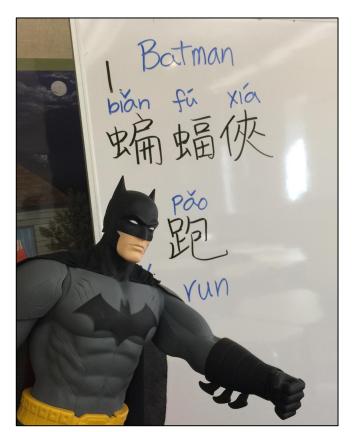
#### Superman Fly! 超人飞!







#### Batman Run! 蝙蝠侠 跑!



#### Spiderman Climb! 蜘蛛人 爬!



#### Catwoman Meow! 猫女人 喵!



#### Mind Map Project

Choose a theme, Use Simple Mind app

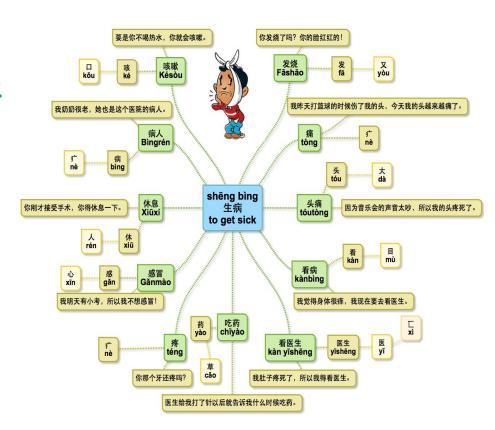
Word-->Phrases-->Sentence

Voice recording at Voicethread

#### Video Project

Breakfast 1 & 2 / By Chinese 3

Chinese Level 3



#### Play Card Game

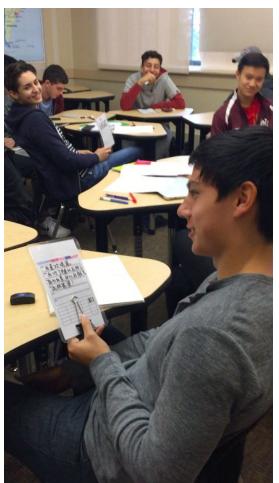
Use 4-tones card to create 4 sentences

Write sentences on the back with dry eraser pen

Read out sentences, let partners guess

**Chinese Level 4** 





### 一件大事 "One Big Thing"

How to Personalized Learning with Genius Hour and 20% Time

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重新演绎:

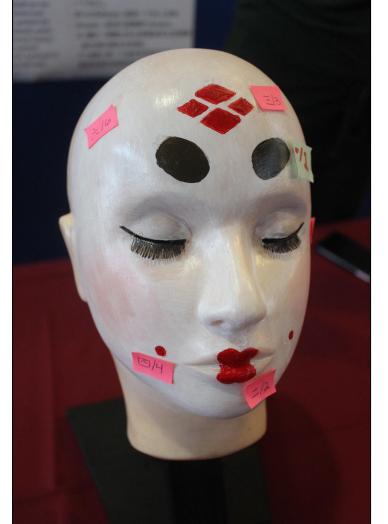
南宋.马远

(1160-1225年)

《对月图》

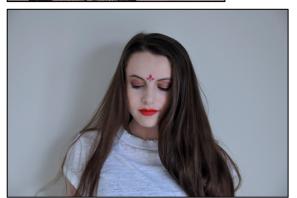


中国历代"美感"探究



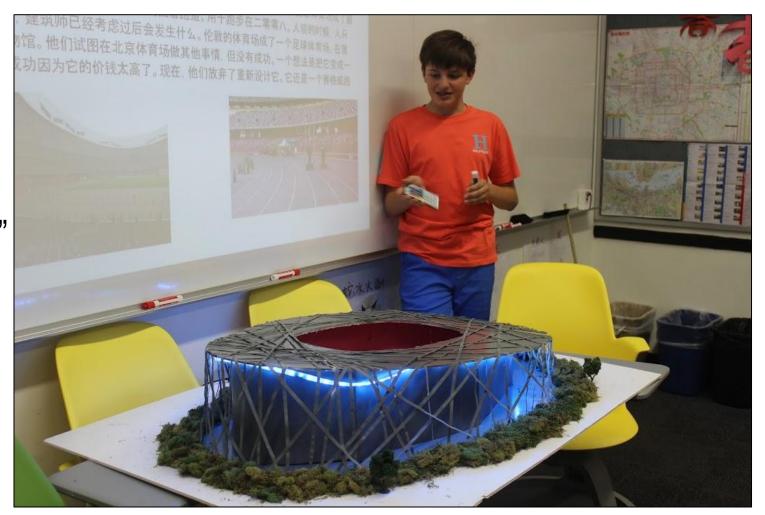






#### 我的

"发光鸟巢"



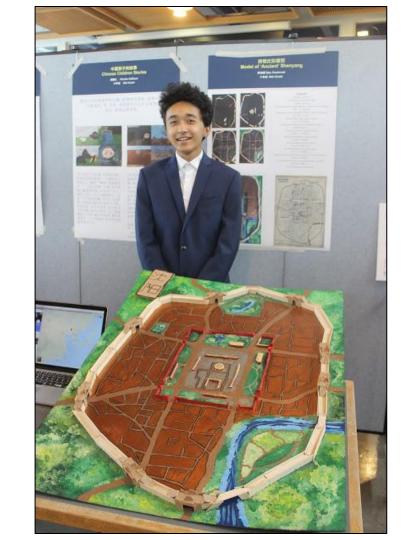
# 苏州园林



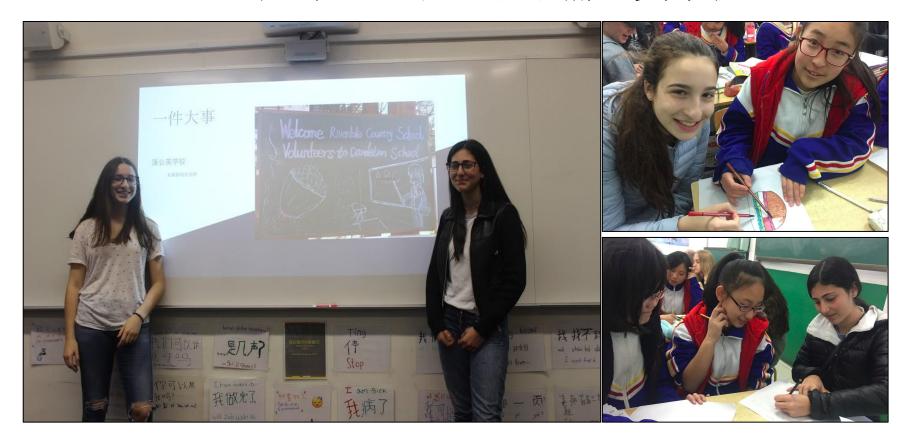
#### 追溯家族历史:

#### 姥姥姥爷的老沈阳

之史阳 盛京沈阳,沈水之旁。 一朝发祥, 两代帝王。 两陵一宫,世遗上榜。 交通枢纽,运输通畅。 支援全国,贡献力量。 国之长子,经历辉煌。改革开放,续写新章。 我爱沈阳,祖辈故乡。



#### 不只是"普通朋友":北京蒲公英学校



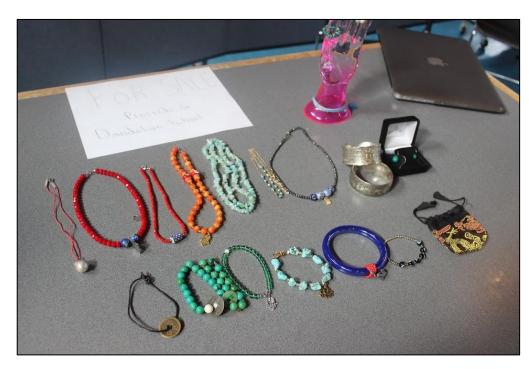


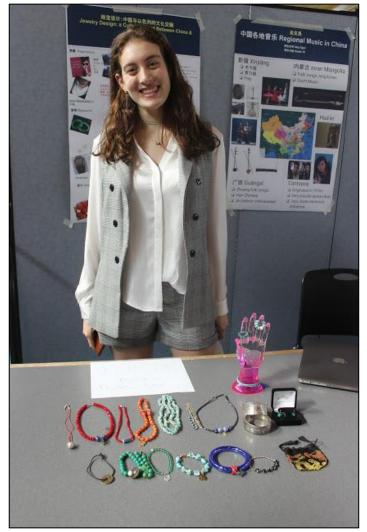
#### 快板

"打南边来了一个喇嘛, 手里提着五斤鳎蚂, 打北边来了一个哑巴, 腰里别着一个喇叭。"



#### 中国珠宝





指尖的 "动物世界"



两宋山水

激光切割下的"红色中国"



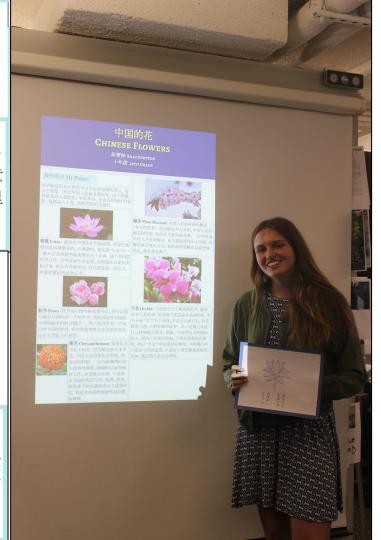




**荷莲 Lotus**: 莲花在中国文化里很重要。荷莲的重要性是从佛教来的。在佛教里,莲花是"八宝"之一,而八宝是佛教里最重要的八个东西。这个花的意思很吉祥,有神灵诞生的意思。虽然莲花从淤泥里长出来,但是长得很漂亮,所以荷莲是一位君子。荷莲也象征纯洁和长寿。



梅花 Plum Blossom: 中国人有的时候叫梅花 "冬天的朋友"。因为梅花冬天开花,中国人觉得梅花很坚强,因为冬天就代表苦难。一位叫林逋的诗人非常爱梅花,说不想跟真的女人结婚,而梅花就是他的太太。他的诗都说梅花是最坚强的花。梅花象征耐力。



#### 花语

#### 不Lonely的Lonely Planet



## 探秘中国: 不走寻常路 China Behind the Beaten Path







她、她、她的故事



#### 回族 Hui

你好!我叫马秀英,秀的意思是漂亮、特别,英的意思是花。我跟先生的家住在宁夏,我们结婚一年了,可是今年过得太快了。因为回族女人不可以跟不是回族的男人结婚,所以一个媒人给我们包办了我们婚姻。包办婚姻的结果常常不太好,但是其实我非常爱我的先生。我们的婚礼有十盘菜,因为双数的菜的意思是我们将来还会是一对。

Hello! My name is Ma Xiuying. Xiu means beautiful and ying means flower. I live with my husband's family in Ningxia. We've been married for a year, but this year has gone by so fast! Hui women are not allowed to intermarry outside the Hui people, so a matchmaker arranged our marriage. Arranged marriages have a bad reputation, but I'm actually very happy with my husband. Our wedding had ten dishes because an even number of dishes means that we will still be a couple in the future.

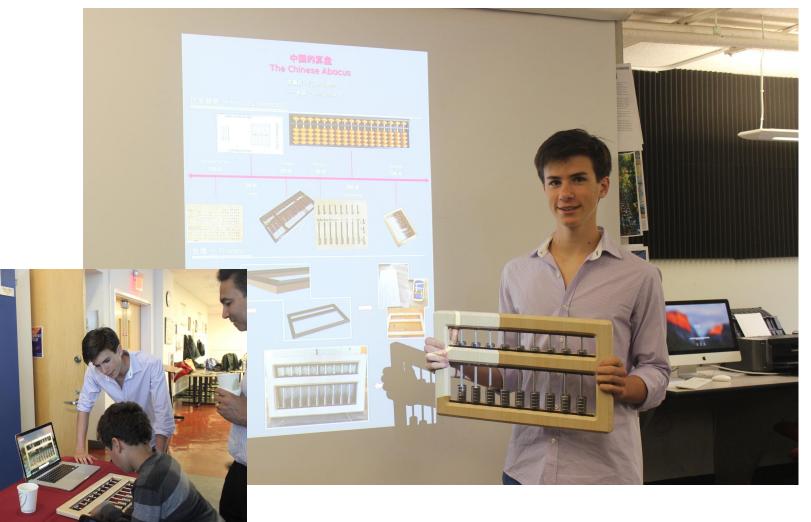
# Progress:

#### 茶之道

针灸一把 试试看!



#### 算盘



#### 事事关心



those regulations have been to date.

#### Women/妇女:

中国男人比中国女人多3300万,因为在历史上中国是重男轻女的社会。我们聊了在工作和生活中是不是有男女不平等的现象。

Men in China currently outnumber women by 33 million, after decades of a one child policy that favored having boys. We discussed whether or not she thinks women in modern China are discriminated against in the workforce and in their daily lives.

#### Retired People/退休人:

Cici和我聊了退休的人在美国和中国会做什么和去哪儿。她告诉我很多的中国退休人会住跟他们的孩子,可是很多美国人退休后住在退休之家或者暖和的地方。

Cici and I compared and discussed what retired people in America and China do. We discussed how most of China's retired population will decide to live with their children while many Americans will choose to go to Florida or retirement homes.



# 糖画





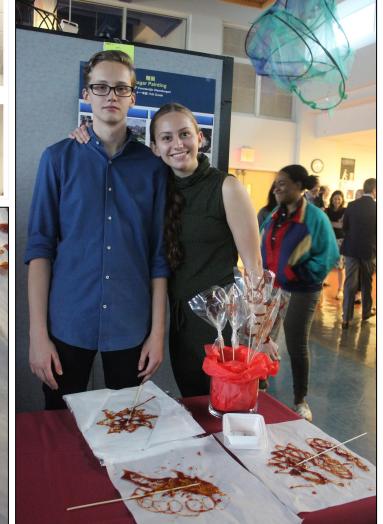




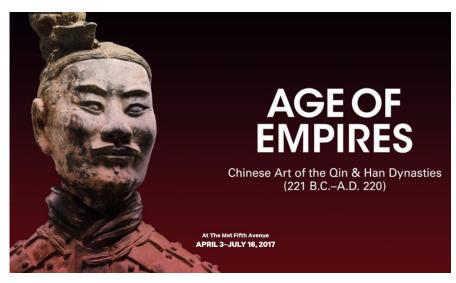






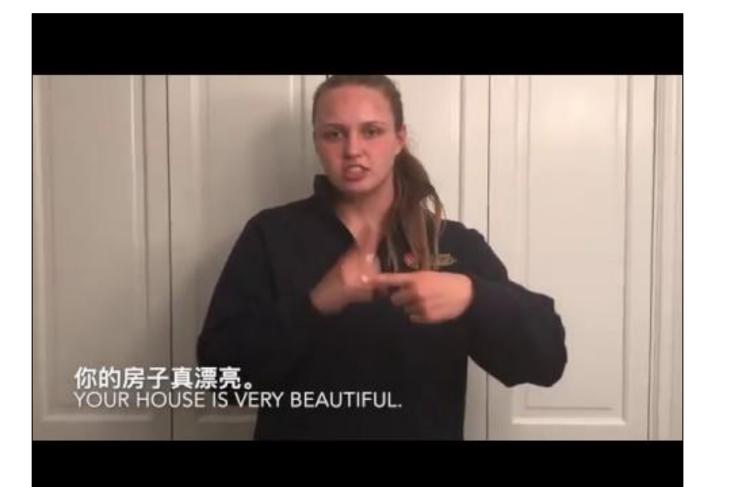


#### 兵马俑





#### 中国手语



皮影戏 《只是朋友》



#### 《RCS, 我们亲爱的学校》



# 白灵珊, 康韵理 Sarah Brown, Eli Cohen RCS欢迎你 "RCS Welcomes You"

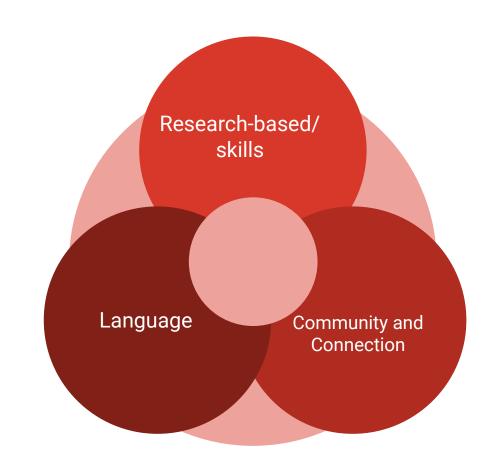


#### 中国节日美食视频



#### What is "One Big Thing"?

- Personalized learning
- PBL
- An extended period of time



#### How is it done?

- Reflect/see examples from previous years for inspiration
- Brainstorm and share
- Contract
  - Inspiration, final product, language, China/Chinese culture, community and connection, a rough plan (6 weekends),
     self-assessment
- 6 weekends
- Sharing Monday
- Midway Checkpoint
- Final presentation
- "One Big Night" Exhibition



#### "One Big Night" Exhibition













#### Feedback and Evaluation

	准 时 On time	老师的想法 Feedback	你的想法 Response	质量 Quality of Work
合同	~	1. Tasty的视频为什么好?		A+
Contract		2. 你的视频会有什么特色		
		(features)?		
第一个星期				
第二个星期				
第三个星期				
第四个星期				
第五个星期				
第六个星期				
最后的作品				
和报告				

- Weekly feedback from teacher and peers
- Throughout the process
- Contract
- Weekly updates
- Final work (language, content, community/connection)
- Final presentation
- \*Poster
- Teacher's assessment with self-assessment

### Lessons I Learned:

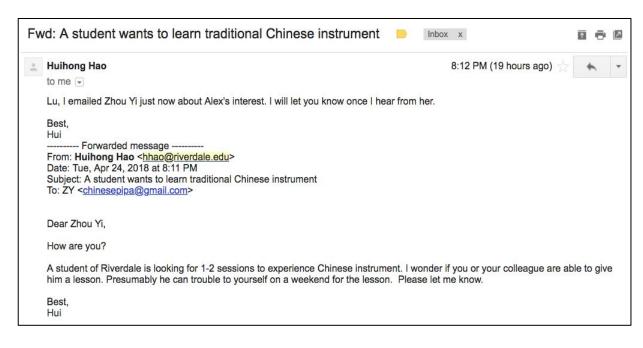
How to Design a Successful Personalized Project?



## Depth and Scope



#### Community and Connection





#### Be Gritty! With Some Flexibility



#### Process

The main complication with an embroidery is the straightness of the threads. To work around this issue, it is necessary to create many small lines that can combine together to create a seemingly fluid image.

#### Complications

My greatest problem was simply a time issue, and the rate at which I was embroidering. It took me a

long time to insert the thread into the needle eye. Also, in fear of messing something up, I always feared going too quickly. Sometimes I would sow my surface behind the



- Respect student voice and choice, yet offer actionable and constructive feedback
- Language component
- Proficiency appropriate
- Authenticity and Outreach: Engage in work that makes an impact on or otherwise connects to the world beyond school
- Critique and revision: share work-in-progress with peers, families and teachers

# Other Projects

- Creating an bilingual children's book with illustrations"Water" calligraphy in the park
- Humans of New York Chinese immigration version
- Investigating in Traditional Chinese Medicine
- "Sports training schools" in China
- Coding a game on cooking Chinese food
- A New York City guide to Chinese culture
- "Romance of the Three Kingdom"
- Chinese diaspora in the world
- Chinese drama analysis
- Shadow puppet show
- Sports economy in China
- Ancient Chinese sports
- Feminism in China
- Censorship in China

Cook Chinese food and write recipes in Chinese	calligraphy scroll		
Create a commercial in Chinese	<ul> <li>Learn Chinese painting and create a Chinese</li> </ul>		
Create a movie in Chinese	painting scroll		
Create <u>a music video in Chinese</u>	<ul> <li>Learn to play a Chinese instrument and perform a</li> </ul>		
Create an animation in Chinese	music piece		
Create an interactive map of Chinatown	<ul> <li>Play Chinese music on instrument of your choice</li> </ul>		
Design and build a 3D map of China	<ul> <li>Research and blog about China's ethnic minorities</li> </ul>		
Design and build a performance-size dragon head	in Chinese		
Design and build an architectural model of a	<ul> <li>Research and compare ancient and modern</li> </ul>		
Chinese bridge	Chinese art		
Design and build an architectural model of a	<ul> <li>Research and present in Chinese about baseball in</li> </ul>		
Chinese garden	Taiwan		
Design and build an architectural model of an	<ul> <li>Watch Chinese movies and write movie reviews in</li> </ul>		
apartment building on an actual lot in Shanghai	Chinese		
Design and make a stuffed Panda	<ul> <li>Write a Chinese food / news / story blog</li> </ul>		
Design and make inspired-by-China dresses and	<ul> <li>Write and illustrate a Chinese children's book</li> </ul>		
accessories	<ul> <li>Write a travel guide on "Hiking in China"</li> </ul>		

Learn about China's wild animals and create a

Learn Chinese calligraphy and create a Chinese

visual representation of them

Learn and perform a Chinese dance

Choreograph a Chinese musical

Compose a Chinese song

Code a Chinese-learning software

Compare Chinese and French calligraphy



#### An email from a parent to the headmaster:

Dear Ms. Nicholson-Flynn,

Would you mind passing along a word of thanks to your two teachers of Chinese? I do not have their email addresses easily accessible (and the invite to One Big Thing did not mention their names specifically).

First: this exhibition was over the TOP and has been each year over the last 3 years that our daughter has taken part. There is clearly so much love, care, sweat, and heart put into it by the teachers. The presentations were so creative, which makes clear how well the students are shepherded in finding individual interests and in pursuing them.

Second: this event demonstrates that Riverdale has a class A Chinese program, one that likely eclipses those of comparable schools. It is amazing how much the students learn from 6-12 given that there are only 2 teachers. I say this as an educator more than as a parent. The sheer volume, depth, and intensity of this presentation shows how much Chinese learning is going on each day.

Consider expanding the staff! This could be a signature program for Riverdale with a bit more funding or resources.

Best,



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