

CHINESE SUMMER CAMP



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Week 1 Newsletter
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Hi, Chinese Summer Camp Families:

The teachers and counselors have enjoyed spending time with the campers during classes, lunch, and culture activity time. We had a lot of fun celebrating holidays everyday! In this week's newsletter, we have information and photos from each class and holiday. Thank you for your cooperation on making our first week a success!

Inside:

Introduction and photos from Chinese class, Math class, Computer Programming class, Painting class, Singing and Dancing class.

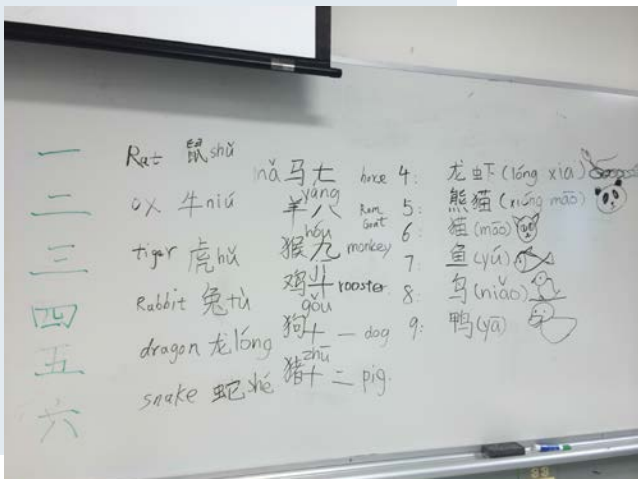
Photos of Chinese holidays we celebrated at camp:
Valentine's Day, Qingming Festival, National Day,
Dragon Boat Day, Lantern Festival.

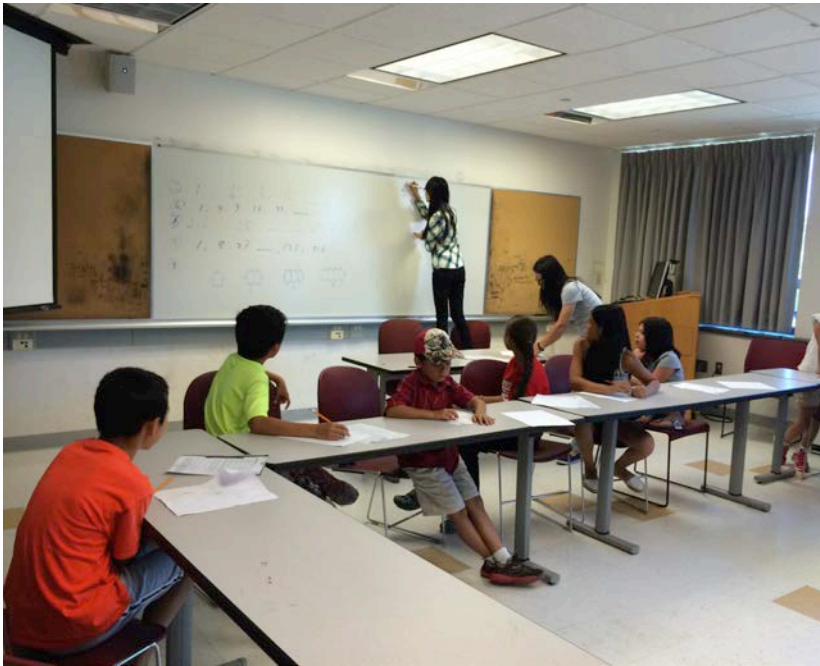


At our tiny tots, beginner and advanced Chinese classes, we expanded our vocabulary greatly and learned many Chinese characters through a combination of songs, movements, stories, and games. We also offered interesting holiday topics, which enable students to pick up Chinese effectively, while having fun at the same time!



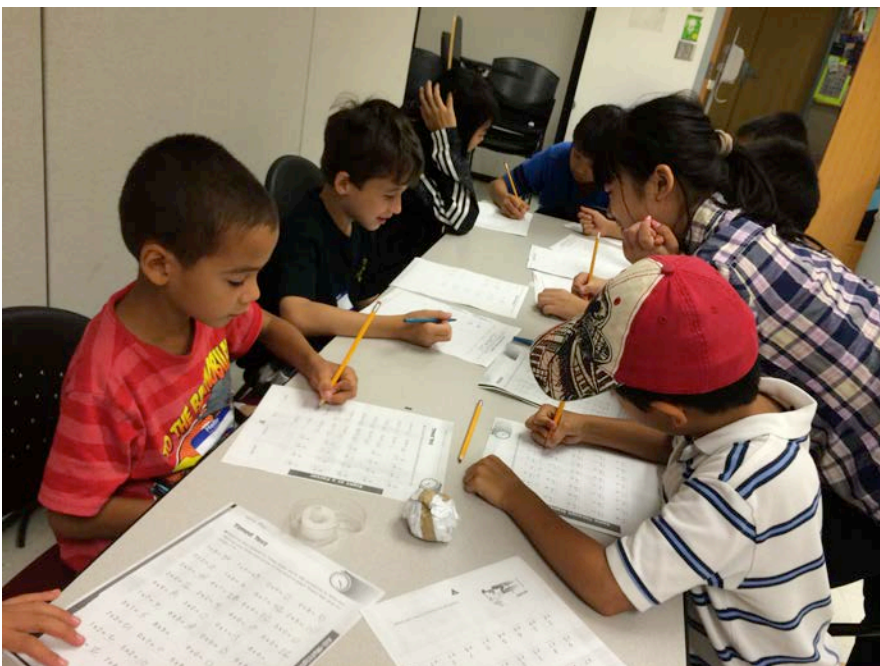
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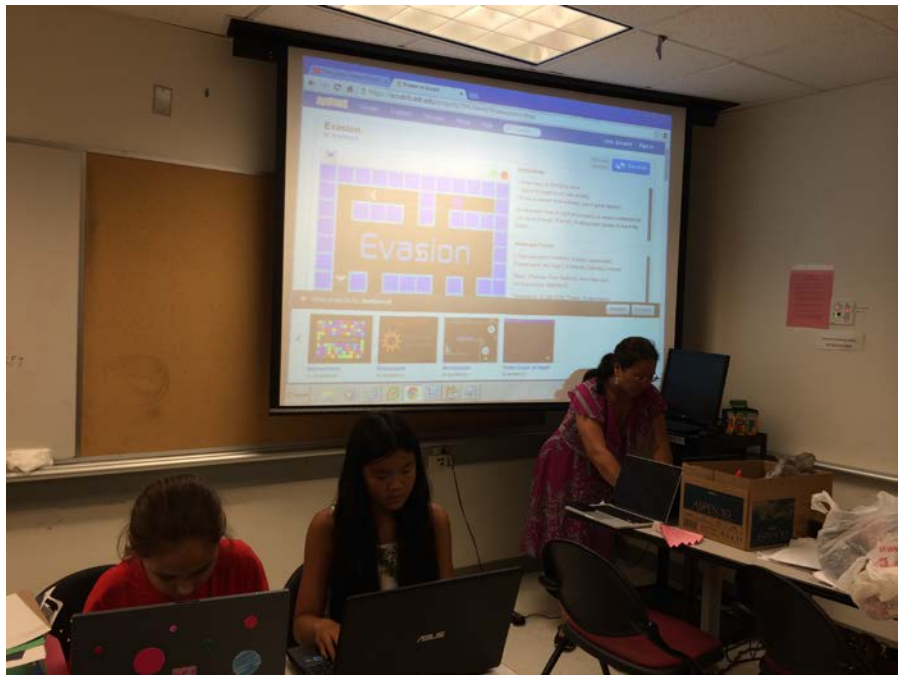




MATH CLASS

Many students chose math classes and had a lot of fun practicing plus, minus, multiplication and division, as well as learning patterns, exponents and geometry.





PROGRAMMING CLASS

SINGING & DANCING CLASS





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PAINTING CLASS





QIXI CHINESE VALENTINE DAY

Qixi is a traditional Chinese festival that celebrates the annual meeting of the cowherd and weaver girl in Chinese mythology. It falls on the seventh day of the 7th month on the Chinese lunar calendar.



QINGMING

Chinese Memorial Day

The Qingming Festival, literally "Pure Brightness Festival", suggests a time for people to go outside and enjoy the greenery of springtime. It is also known as Tomb-Sweeping Day, because of its connection with Chinese ancestral veneration and the tending of family graves. It is usually on April 4 or 5 of solar calendar. During our culture class, we made wind wheels and origami flower baskets as Chinese children do on the holiday.





NATIONAL DAY OF CHINA

The National Day of China is on October 1. It is usually celebrated with lots of large-scaled activities such as military review & parade, flag-raising ceremonies, dance and song shows, firework displays and painting and calligraphy exhibitions. We celebrated the National Day on Wednesday by watching a magnificent firework display at Youtube, comparing the symbolism of national flag of China and America, and making a dragon covered with scales of Chinese characters.





DRAGON BOAT DAY

The festival occurs on the 5th day of the 5th month of the lunar calendar. The celebrations involves eating Zongzi (sticky rice treats wrapped in bamboo leaves), drinking realgar wine and racing dragon boats. We had a great time celebrating Dragon Boat Day on Thursday!! We made lots of origami boats, and had a boat race.



LANTERN FESTIVAL

We wrapped up our first week of camp with the great celebration of Lantern Festival. Making lanterns and Tangyuan are definitely the highlights of the day!

