

West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District Chinese 1

Unit 1: Introduction to the Chinese Language

Content Area: World Language

Course & Grade Level: Chinese 1, 9-12

Summary and Rationale

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Recommended Pacing

45 days

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New Jersey Student Learning Standards for English Language Arts		
	ELA Companion Standards	
CPI#	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)	
NJSLSA.R2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the	
	key supporting details and ideas.	
New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills		
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9.4.12.Cl.1	Demonstrate the ability to reflect, analyze, and use creative skills and ideas (e.g.,	
	1.1.12prof.CR3a).	
New	Jersey Student Learning Standards for Computer Science and Design Thinking	
CPI#	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)	
8.2.12.NT.1	Explain how different groups can contribute to the overall design of a product.	
Interdisciplinary Standards Social Studies		
6.1.12.EconNE.3.a	Evaluate the impact of education in improving economic opportunities and in the	
	development of responsible citizens.	
Instructional Focus		

Unit Enduring Understandings

- The Chinese language has a long history.
- The Chinese language with its tones and characters is very different from the English language.
- Mispronouncing the tone will cause the hearer to misunderstand the meaning.
- Learning Chinese is one way to prepare for global challenges.
- Learning a foreign language such as Chinese will enable them to communicate with the people of the world's Chinese-speaking communities.
- School practices on a daily basis may be similar or different across cultures.

Unit Essential Questions

- How are oral and written Chinese similar and different from oral and written English?
- How do I learn the Chinese tones effectively?
- What strategies should I use for learning Chinese characters?
- How do I act politely in my Chinese class?
- How do I take the initiative to be a practical problem solver?
- How do our actions affect our environment?

Objectives

Students will know:

- Different Chinese dialects in China.
- Basic components of the oral and written Chinese.
- How Chinese characters have evolved from pictures to today's characters.
- Stroke orders in writing characters.
- How to use greeting and leave-taking for everyday class.
- How to ask for permission to use the facilities "keyi bu keyi..."
- How to ask for permission to fill a water bottle "keyi bu keyi zhuang shui?"
- How to reduce waste by reminding one another "bu yao langfei...+object"
- How to recommend alternative usage of drinking water by saying shao yong pingzhuang shui

Students will be able to:

- initiate and respond to classroom commands and phrases commonly used in a classroom setting
- recognize a few common gestures and practices associated with the classroom culture
- identify language items associated with where waste products should be placed
- exchange basic information regarding how to reduce and recycle waste products
- identify and ask for classroom supplies

- express a classroom need
- utilize communicative strategies to express selves and interact with one another
- locate China on a map of the world.
- differentiate the four tones in Chinese.
- identify the basic pinyin symbols.
- present simple Chinese rhymes that embed the pronunciation practice in context.
- identify strategies for learning oral and written Chinese.
- describe reasons for learning Chinese.

Evidence of Learning

Assessment

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Resources

Suggested Resources:

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- Online Resources
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Unit 2: Who am I?

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Recommended Pacing

60 days

Module 1: I am an American. Module 2: What's your name? Module 3: I am a student.

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Instructional Focus

Unit Enduring Understandings

- A foreigner's nationality and heritage are often topics of interest for small talk in China.
- Chinese names given to children typically have significant meaning to the region, to the village, to the family, or to the individual.
- Honorific titles are honored in China's social circles and in the school setting.
- Proper expressions, responses, and gestures are used in daily greetings according to who is being acknowledged, and these expressions may alter due to trends.
- In China, honor and respect for one's family are more important than an individual member.

Unit Essential Questions

- Where do I fit in a multicultural classroom?
- How do names differ between Chinese culture and American culture?
- How do we greet and identify people at different ages with different social status in the school setting?
- How do social and global trends impact the way people greet each other?

Objectives

Students will know:

- How to use basic vocabulary, sentences, and questions for identifying nationality, age, name, and social status.
- How to use daily expressions for greetings, introducing people, expressing thanks, and making apologies.
- How to identify the cultural differences between greetings in China and in the United States.
- How to use polite, culturally appropriate gestures and body language.

Students will be able to:

- Identify countries on a map of the world.
- Identify the country of origin for products labeled in Chinese.
- Greet one another using appropriate titles, idiomatic expressions, gestures, and body language.
- Ask and respond to questions about someone's nationality.
- Introduce people in the school setting.
- Interpret Chinese names on name cards.
- Respond to classroom commands for daily classroom procedures.
- Role play and improvise scenarios on the topics in this unit..

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Unit Enduring Understandings

- In China honor and respect for one's family is more important than the self.
- Honorific titles are important signs of respect when addressing extended family members.
- Chinese people do not address their siblings by name; rather, they use the term for the sibling relationship.
- Chinese people describe people basically the same way Americans do.

Unit Essential Questions

- Who am I at home?
- How do I tell others about my family members?
- How do I provide Chinese-speaking people with descriptive information about people?
- What does a Chinese family look like?
- How do family members in China address each other?
- How do society and global trends impact the way family members are acknowledged and greeted today?

Objectives

Students will know:

- How to use the numbers 1-100.
- How to use vocabulary, sentences, and questions to identify and describe family members.
- How to use the measure word ge for siblings.
- How to use adjectives for describing people without the verb to be.
- How to use everyday expressions for surprise.
- How to use question words: how old, what grade, how many, etc.
- How to use comparison to describe people.
- How to identify cultural differences between greeting family members and a friend's family members in China and in the United States.

Students will be able to:

- Express quantities by using the numbers from 1 to 100.
- Ask and respond to questions about one's family.
- Ask about and compare people's ages and heights.
- Identify and ask about the grade a student is in.
- Identify basic Chinese family structures and values.
- Refer to a family member in Chinese (family members in Chinese "chengwei").
- Understand the schooling system in China.

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