

Dear Parents,

We have had several themes this grading period in Chinese class. We have concentrated on verbs, sports, and Chinese New Year. Below are the new vocabulary words that we have been learning. We will continue to review those words throughout the year.

However, you'll notice that I only included the English words instead of their Chinese counterparts. I experimented during this grading period and I discovered that when I gave students the written form of the new Chinese vocabulary, they pronounced the words incorrectly. However, when they didn't have the written words available, students were able to recall and pronounce them correctly.

Feel free to ask your student to tell you the Chinese words for the words below. Do not worry if they cannot say them all. Children learn language through listening and responding before speaking. They are all doing well at responding to me in class, so it is OK if they forget how to say a few words.

Even though we were out of school on the actual day of Chinese New Year, students were still able to celebrate! Each class had the opportunity to visit the stage where they were able to experience Chinese New Year through various stations. Please ask them about what they learned from their experience.

If you would like to follow what we have been learning all year, feel free to visit <http://specialareasathite.weebly.com/> and click on the Chinese tab.

Xiè xie! 谢谢  
(Thank you!)

Mrs. Smith, Chinese Instructor

### **Verbs**

Run  
Jump  
Walk  
Crawl  
Stop  
Fly  
Dance  
To Play Sports

### **Sports**

Basketball  
Football  
Ping Pong  
Baseball  
Volleyball  
Ice Hockey  
Swimming (just introduced)  
Soccer (just introduced)

### **Sentences**

I play \_\_\_\_\_ (sport).  
I like \_\_\_\_\_ (any verb or sport).  
I \_\_\_\_ (verb).  
Do you play \_\_\_\_ (sport)?

### **Culture**

Chinese Dance  
Chinese New Year

### **Numbers**

Students were given a quiz in which I said a number in Chinese and they had to write the numeral. I was very impressed with how well they did!