

RENREN CHINESE 人人中文

A MONTHLY JOURNAL FOR CHINESE LEARNERS



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Textbook for 2008-2009

Chinese Paradise

This series of textbooks introduces Chinese to young children with colorful illustrations, conversations, rhymes, songs, fun activities, and more. While learning the Chinese language, children can also learn about Chinese culture, folk songs, handicrafts, and games. They make learning Chinese fun! There are three levels and each comes in a set of the Student's Books includes Textbook A and B with accompanying CD, Workbook A and B with accompanying CD. Each level consists of 6 units and 12 lessons.

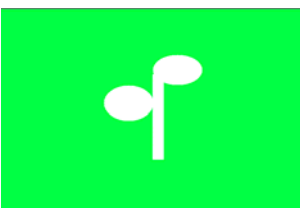
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1st Grade: 3A/3B

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RCS 2008 FALL Fun Facts!

Total Number of Active Students	910
Number of Chinese class Students	710
Number of Chinese class only Students	383
Number of Selective class Students	419
Number of Selective class only Students	83
Number of Adult class Students	67
Number of Senior class Students	43
Number of New Students	159
Total Number of Active Households	584
Total Number of Courses Offered	125
Average Number of Courses per Student (Children)	1.731
Total Number of Teachers Assigned	50

每月一字

Word of
the
Month

What's in a Chinese Character

What's in a Chinese Character

<p>女 3 strokes</p> <p>Woman; girl; female</p> <p>女儿: daughter</p> <p>女王: queen</p>	<p>The original pictograph for woman depicted her in a bowing position. Apparently, for ease in writing, man reduced this to a humbler form – a woman kneeling down, but not for long. The modern version graphically portray the big stride woman has taken to keep up with man.</p>
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practice Chinese Characters (s) here:

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Sing Along

我和你

wǒ hé nǐ xīnliánxīn tóngzhùdìqiúcūn
我和你，心连心，同住地球村。

wéimèngxiǎng qiānlǐxíng xiānghuìzàiběijīng
为梦想，千里行，相会在北京。

lái ba péngyǒu shēnchūnǐdeshǒu
来吧，朋友，伸出你的手。

wǒ hé nǐ xīnliánxīn yǒngyuǎnyìjiārén
我和你，心连心，永远一家人。

(This is the 2008 Beijing Olympic Game theme song.

It was sung on the Opening Ceremony in Beijing, Aug. 8, 2008.

Please sing/read along, and try to figure out the meaning of the song.

We will provide an English version in the next issue.)

Mid-Autumn Festival 中秋节 zhōng qiū jié

Also known as the **Moon Festival**, is a popular **Asian** celebration of abundance and togetherness, dating back over 3,000 years to **China's Zhou Dynasty**. The Mid-Autumn Festival falls on the 15th day of the 8th **lunar month** of the **Chinese calendar**. This year the date of holiday is 9/14. This is the ideal time, when the moon is at its fullest and brightest, to celebrate the abundance of the summer's harvest. The traditional food of this festival is the **mooncake**, of which there are many different varieties.

Traditionally, on this day, Chinese family members and friends will gather to admire the bright mid-autumn harvest moon, and eat moon cakes and **pomeles** together.

Houyi was an **im-**
Chang'e was a
girl. At their time,
that took turns to
one every 10 days.
the suns circled to-
earth to burn. Em-
peror of **China**,
to shoot down all
Upon the comple-



Emperor rewarded
that granted eternal life, and advised him: "Make no haste to swallow this pill; first prepare yourself with prayer and **fasting** for a year". Houyi took the pill home and hid it under a rafter, while he began healing his spirit. Chang'e, noticing a white beam of light beckoning from the **rafters**, discovered the pill, which she swallowed. Immediately, she found that she could fly. At that moment, Houyi returned home and realized what had happened, he began to reprimand her. Chang'e flew out the window into the sky.

Chang'e reached the moon, and breathless, she coughed. Part of the pill fell out from her mouth. Now, the **hare** was already on the moon, and Chang'e commanded the animal to make another pill from it, so that she could return to earth to her husband.

As of today, the hare is still pounding herbs, trying to make the pill. As for Houyi, he built himself a palace in the sun as "**Yang**" (the male principle), with Chang'e as "**Yin**" (the female principle). Once a year, on the 15th day of the full moon, Houyi visits his wife. That is why, that night, the moon is full and beautiful.

mortal, while
beautiful young
there were 10 suns
circle the earth —
One day, all 10 of
gether, causing the
peror Yao, the Em-
commanded Houyi
but one of the suns.
tion of his task, the
Houyi with a pill

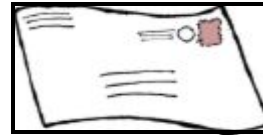
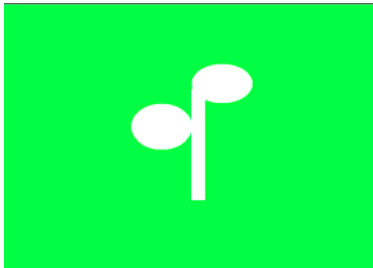
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zhōng qiū jié kuài lè!
中 秋 节 快 乐!

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Dear Reader,

The 10th issue of RenRen Chinese is here to welcome you back from the summer. RenRen Chinese is a monthly newsletter for every student, parent, and teacher. Our editors would like extend best wishes to all of you for a happy and fruitful school year, and would appreciate your help in sending us any comments, stories or any notes you would like to share and to publish in this newsletter. Please send your words or questions to:

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9/6: RCS Fall Classes Start	9月6日: RCS 秋季开学
9/14: Chinese Moon Fest !	9月14日: 中秋节! 吃月饼!
9/21: Last day: Drop/Change Class	9月21日: 最后一天换课
9/26: Celebrate Fall!	9月26日:
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