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When Mr. Obama spoke Chinese...

During his recent trip to China, U.S. President Barack Obama announced at a joint press conference with Chinese President Hu Jintao, that the United States would commit to dramatic increase--100,000 over the next four years--of Americans studying in China. This is just one highlight for advocates and practitioners of international education in both China and the United States.

The President's agenda--although filled with issues of great importance including cooperation on global climate change, nuclear nonproliferation, economic recovery--included a prominent emphasis on people-to-people connections, particularly among young people, as well as the critical role that language competency plays in these exchanges.

This emphasis is evident during a town hall meeting in Shanghai with local students. President Obama was introduced by U.S. Ambassador to China Jon Huntsman, a fluent Chinese speaker. Mr. Obama greets the audience in the local Shanghainese dialect, and then praises the Ambassador's fluency in Chinese language as a personification of the deep ties and respect between our two nations. Mr. Obama also not-entirely-jokingly acknowledges that his Chinese "is not as good as [the Chinese students'] English."

<http://asiasociety.org/education-learning/chinese-language-initiatives/human-capital-us-china-relations>

New Chinese Class at RCS**Fun Part of Student-Parent Star Pair Program**

Student-Parent Star Pair, a new curriculum model is going very well in CFL beginner I class of RCS. The fun part is that parents are learning very seriously and at same time they have fun in the classroom, too. If you ever visit Li Lao Shi's classroom, you will see that the adults do fun activities along with the children: blowing bubbles, blowing bubbles, bubbles get big, bigger and biggest, Peng! The bubbles are broken. But our "4-year old"* , "Teenager"* adults won't be sad but happy because what they picked up is Chinese Language! Ha, ha, ha...+)

* these are the fun "ages" of our adult learners

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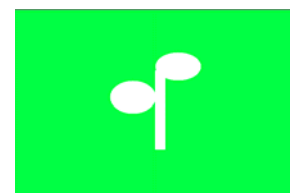
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每月一学

Word of the Month

What's in a Chinese Character

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天 4 strokes

Written character

白天: daytime

明天: tomorrow

This stylized representation shows man's ability to stand on his feet, extending his arms ego-tistically. But high above man, be he ever so great, stretches the heavenly firmament, filling the empty space above his shoulders and directing his footsteps. Hence: 天, meaning heaven – man's rightful and authoritative head. Since the growing light of the sky ushers in the dawn of day, 天, came to mean also "day".



practice Chinese Characters (s) here:

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RCS Calendar and Holidays

十二月

二〇〇一年一月

S M T W T F Sat

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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Chinese Class |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Chinese Class |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Last Day |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 圣诞 | 26 Winter Break |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 元旦 | 新年快乐! |

S M T W T F Sat

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|----|----|----|----|----|----|------------------|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 Winter Break |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Winter Break |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 School Starts |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 腊八 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |