

# RENREN CHINESE 人人中文



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## Learn Chinese

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In recent years, the popularity of the Chinese language has gained momentum in line with the international community's growing concerns about China. Learning Chinese has become more and more popular. An estimated 35 million non-native people choose Chinese as their second language and it is widely used in the whole world.



Naperville High School Districts 203 and 204 have opened Chinese language classes for several years. Ray Chinese School plans to open two new classes that you will qualify as high school credits. Hopefully this will take place soon.

We will add more CFL courses to our curriculum next year, to help enrich your Chinese learning experience.

We welcome students to join the Summer camp (<http://www.raychineseschool.org/>) or Summer school to continue your Chinese learning.

我们一起来学汉语!  
(Let's learn Chinese together!)





Word of  
the  
Month

yǒu

友 friend

Written character: 4 strokes

友谊: friendship

The character for "friend" originated, with two right hands acting cooperatively in the same direction and later reaching out to clasp each other in friendship, placing the hands, one upon the other and with a little straightening out, man derived the modern reinforced form.



Practice Chinese Characters here:

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### RCS Calendar and Holidays

#### April 2013

日	一	二	三	四	五	六
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				
		4/5 — Qing Ming Festival				

#### May 2013

日	一	二	三	四	五	六
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		5/18, 5/19 — Last days for Spring Semester				

# Qing Ming Festival

## Culture Express

The Qingming (Pure Brightness) Festival is one of the 24 seasonal division points in China, falling on April 4-6 each year. After the festival, the temperature will rise up and rainfall increases. It is the high time for spring plowing and sowing. But the Qingming Festival is not only a seasonal point to guide farm work, it is more a festival of commemoration.

The Qingming Festival sees a combination of sadness and happiness. It is a time for various activities, and the more popular ones are tomb sweeping, spring outings, and kite flying. Some other lost customs, such as putting willow branches on gates and riding on swings, added infinite joy in the past. Moreover, people often participate in a sport to ward off the cold. In a word, the festival integrates both sadness and happiness.



### Language Tips for Qingming Festival

- 清明节 (qīng-míng jié ) Qingming Festival
- 扫墓 (sǎo mù ) Tomb-sweeping
- 祭祖 (jì zǔ ) Worshipping ancestor
- 纸钱 (zhǐ qián ) Joss paper, paper made to resemble money and burned as an offering to the dead
- 烧香 (shāo xiāng) Burning joss sticks

