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## Arbor Day zhí shù jié 植树节



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China celebrates Arbor Day, or Tree Planting Day, on March 12. Over the past two decades, many people have participated in tree-planting since the country designated March 12 as Tree Planting Day in 1979. China launched its national voluntary tree-planting campaign in the early 1980s. For different types of climates and suitable times for tree-planting, many provinces and cities in China have a local Arbor Day, Arbor Week and Arbor Month.

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The next best time is now. ~ Chinese Proverb



## New Rules for Chinese Class

Let's play this game: Can you try to only speak Chinese in the Chinese class? If you have to speak English, please whisper!

Please only speak Chinese!

qǐng zhī jiǎng zhōng wén

请 只 讲 中 文 !



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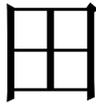


# What's in a Chinese Character

## What's in a Chinese Character

每月一学

Word of the Month



5 strokes

Written character

田地: field

田野: open country

From dawn to dusk man toiled in the field, taking to heart the proverbial saying: "Never leave your field in spring or your house in winter." The character he shaped for "field" was a pictograph of ploughed field with furrows and cross-paths: 田. By the sweat of his brow he reaped the fruits of his labor. But all that toil has left its mark of furrows and cross-paths, not only on the field, but also indelibly on his brow.



*Practice Chinese Characters here:*

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### RCS Calendar and Holidays

#### March 2011

	M	T	W	T	F	Sat
		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 no school Spring break
27	28	29	30	31		

#### April 2011

S	M	T	W	T	F	Sat
					1	2 no school Spring break
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

## The Third CFL Teacher's Conference



(From left to right: Ms. Zhou, Ms. Lee, Vice Principal Ms. Guo, Ms. Cheng and Ms. Zhang )

The Ray CFL teachers held the third teacher's conference on February 20<sup>th</sup>. They exchanged ideas about the CFL Teaching Methodology and discussed various ways on how to help the CFL students keep their interest in learning Chinese. Since the CFL students' first language is English, most students find it difficult to practice Chinese at home, so we need more of the parents' support in helping their children with reviewing their Chinese lessons after class.

Below are the major issues discussed at this meeting:

1. The CFL teachers will train all students on how to use the common Chinese words in class. For example, when the teacher asks the students to open their text books, the teacher will make the request in both English and Chinese: "Please open your text book and turn to Page 2." "请打开书, 翻到第2页"。
2. The CFL teachers suggest that students should use the same series of text books for all grades for consistency. They decide to choose the text book series called 《快乐幼儿华语/My First Chinese Words》。 All CFL students will be able to use this series of books by Fall 2012.
3. The CFL teachers agree to keep publishing the E-Edition of the Monthly Newsletter "RenRen Chinese", which has been welcome by all parents. The "RenRen Chinese" newsletter is a communication bridge between the teachers and parents.
4. The CFL teachers all agree that the parents of the CFL students should be encouraged to stay in class so that they can help their children with their Chinese studies after school. All CFL teachers acknowledged that the **Parental Support Are Very Critical For a Student's Continuation and Success Of learning a foreign language, such as Chinese.**