Teaching Chinese characters to Primary school children

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Agenda

• Why teach at Primary level

• Teach characters using story telling

• Colour coding radicals activity

• Group work

• Using Thematic teaching to enhance the learning of characters

• Discussions

• Q and A

• Resource sharing
Why teach Chinese at primary school?

- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IvEVElzmYBc (1 min youtube)
Teaching characters using Story Telling

- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7VhOCX5WLpw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7VhOCX5WLpw) (2 mins youtube)
  Learn 36 个字

- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=troxvPRmZm8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=troxvPRmZm8) (2 mins youtube)
  Learn 10 个字 in one minutes

- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_dQdDjHo-oM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_dQdDjHo-oM) (4 mins youtube)
  Pictograph pictures
1 to 10 with a story!

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Teaching **characters** by using **colour-coding** method
Rachel Tsai's SW for P4-P7
Make learning relevant
非常饥饿的毛毛虫

fēi cháng jī è de máo mao chóng
In the light of the moon, a little egg lay on a leaf.
星期天早上，太阳升起来了，
Xīng qí tiān zǎo shang, tài yáng shēng qǐ lái le,
砰的一声从蛋里爬出来一条又小又饿的毛毛虫。
pēng de yī shēng cóng dàn li pá chū lái yī tiáo yòu xiǎo yòu è de máo máo chóng.

One Sunday morning, the warm sun came up and -pop!- out of the egg came a tiny and very hungry caterpillar.
他开始去找吃的。
Tā kāi shǐ qù zhǎo chī de.

He started to look for some food.
Pupils’ work and their views
Quiz

1. 王
2. 王
3. 玉
4. 国
5. 中
6. 雪
7. 火
8. 山
9. 上
10. 下
11. 出
12. 入

子
国
人
山
山
Group activities
Learners centered approach to teaching characters

• Group A: Create dictionaries
• Group B: Design games by using characters
• Group C: Jigsaw puzzles – making sense of characters
• Group D: Story booklets making
• Group E: using Ipods
Discussions
Using Thematic teaching to enhance the learning of characters
Q and A
Handouts and Resources sharing