

## BRINGING CHINESE TO LIFE

Discover how fun, interactive activities can spark young learners' interest in Chinese and help them build lasting language skills.

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earning Chinese can be a joyful and enriching experience for preschoolers with the right approach. At this age, children are naturally curious and open to exploring new languages. Through music, storytelling, crafts, games, and interactive play. Chinese becomes fun and engaging. Hands-on, multisensory activities such as songs, puppetry, and movement-based games not only spark interest but also build strong listening. speaking, and communication skills. Instead of rote memorisation, children learn through meaningful, play-based experiences that keep them motivated and excited to learn.



## Learning Through Everyday Dialogue

Simple conversations and daily routines — such as greetings, self-introductions, and role-play — lay a

strong foundation for oral language development and build communication skills. These activities allow children to hear and imitate native pronunciation, practise listening, and grow confident in speaking Mandarin. With repeated exposure and guided practice, they become comfortable expressing themselves in the new language.

## Meaningful Cultural Immersion

Language becomes truly meaningful and comes to life through culture. Traditional Chinese festivals — like the Mid-Autumn Festival, Chinese New Year, and Dragon Boat Festival — offer rich opportunities for cultural immersion. Activities such as lantern making, paper cutting, and dumpling shaping introduce cultural vocabulary and foster appreciation for Chinese traditions. Songs, dances, and festive



games create lasting memories and deepen the learning experience.

## **Joys of Chinese Learning**

When children are actively engaged and having fun, they are more motivated to participate, better able to retain knowledge, and more confident in using a new language. To further support this joyful learning journey, educators and parents can explore the Preschool Happy Chinese Lessons series (\$10.90 each) by Educational Publishing House. Aligned with the NEL (Nurturing Early Learners) framework, this series blends language learning with culture, creativity, and play — making Chinese a happy and meaningful part of every child's early education.

