

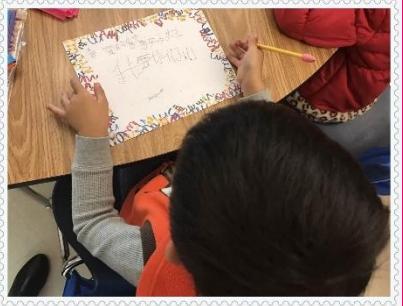
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Valentine's Day



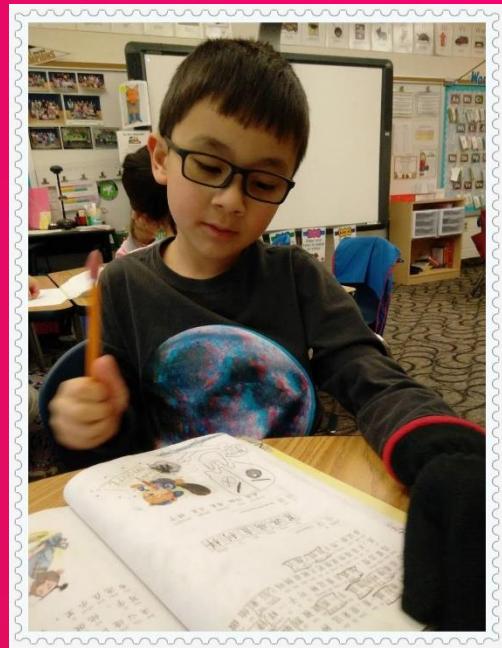
Valentine's Day, also called Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is an annual holiday celebrated on February 14. It originated as a Western Christian liturgical feast day honoring one or more early saints named Valentinus, and is recognized as a significant cultural and commercial celebration in many regions around the world, although it is not a public holiday in any country.

Several martyrdom stories associated with the various Valentines that were connected to February 14 were added to later martyrologies, including a popular hagiographical account of Saint Valentine of Rome which indicated he was imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians, who were persecuted under the Roman Empire. According to legend, during his imprisonment, Saint Valentine healed the daughter of his jailer, Asterius, and before his execution, he wrote her a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell.

The day first became associated with romantic love within the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the 14th century, when the tradition of courtly love flourished. In 18th-century England, it evolved into an occasion in which lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). In Europe, Saint Valentine's Keys are given to lovers "as a romantic symbol and an invitation to unlock the giver's heart", as well as to children, in order to ward off epilepsy (called Saint Valentine's Malady). Valentine's Day symbols that are used today include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards.



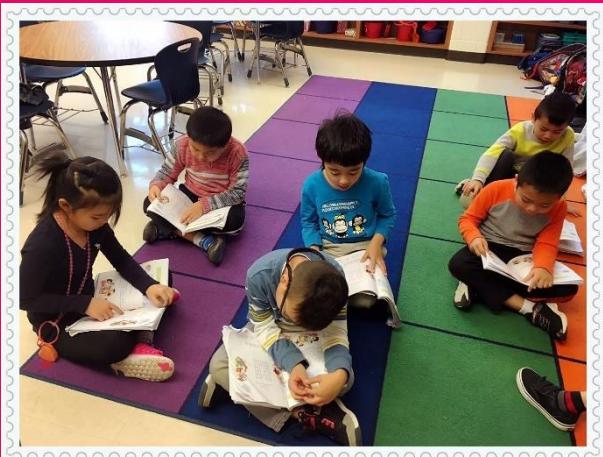
Saint Valentine's Day is an official feast day in the Anglican Communion, as well as in the Lutheran Church. Many parts of the Eastern Orthodox Church also celebrate Saint Valentine's Day, albeit on July 6 and July 30, the former date in honor of the Roman presbyter Saint Valentine, and the latter date in honor of Hieromartyr Valentine, the Bishop of Interamna (modern Terni).



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Reading Comprehension Strategies

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| Re-read the Text more information = more understanding | Activate Prior Knowledge what do I already know about this? | Use Context Clues paw print icon |
| Infer Meaning read between the lines | Think Aloud talk through it | Summarize the Story Characters ↳ Setting ↳ Problem ↳ Solution |
| Locate Key Words key icon | Make Predictions think → pair → share | Use Word Attack Strategies rereading re · read · ing prefix root suffix |
| Visualize eyes icon | Use Graphic Organizers bubble map icon | Evaluate Understanding what did I learn? |



有趣的活动! Fun activities!

汉字的教学十分有别于英语书写的教学。汉字是象形文字，所以汉字的造字法当然也是老师们的必修课。

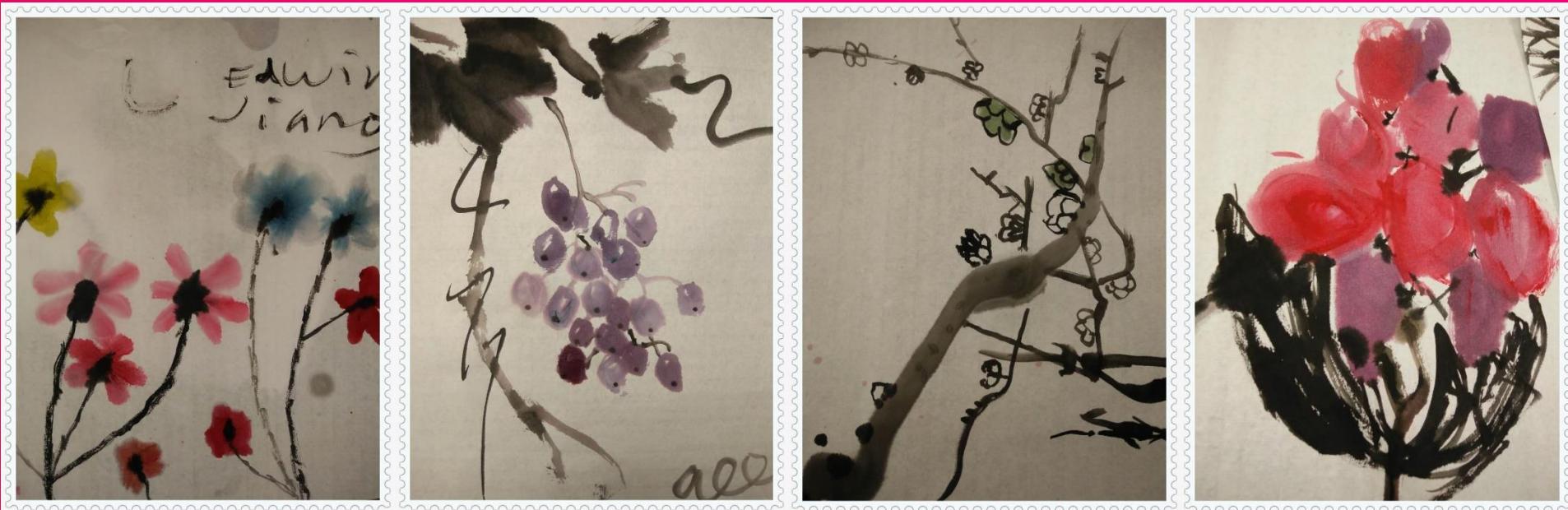


汉字的造字法，从汉朝以来，相沿有“六书”的说法。六书之首，就是象形法。一般来说，汉字的造字方法有象形、指事、会意、形声。我国古代对造字法有“六书”的提法，除了上述四种外，还包括转注和假借。



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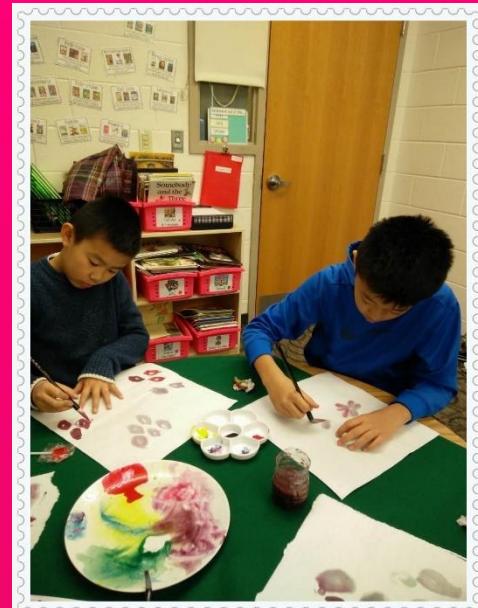
Traditional Chinese Painting



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YCT (Youth Chinese Test) / HSK(Chinese Proficiency Test)



The test aims to improve Chinese language learners' self-confidence and follows the principle of "test-teaching correlation". It bases the design of the test on current trends in international Chinese language training and is closely related to textbook learning procedures. The purpose of the test is to "promote training through testing" and "promote learning through testing".

| Test Date | | Application Deadline | Test Date | | Application Deadline |
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| YCT | 2017-3-18 | 2017-2-15 | | 2017-3-19 | 2017-2-15 |
| | 2017-4-23 | 2017-3-13 | HSK | 2017-4-22 | 2017-3-12 |
| | 2017-5-13 | 2017-4-3 | | 2017-5-20 | 2017-4-10 |

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