

# Chinese For Families

A Fun Place to Learn Chinese!

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Dear Gladwyne Montessori Chinese Student Parents:

I am recommending a new FREE resource for practicing Chinese at home to my students - <http://www.panwapa.com/panwapasplash.php>.

[www.Panwapa.com](http://www.Panwapa.com) is a new resource created by Sesame Street. The interactive website features content in 5 Languages including Mandarin Chinese. Eventually, this resource will be available in our Language lab. This is a free resource with extensive world geography content. The interactive movies, games & resources have something for everyone. They also present another opportunity to extend the learning time & range of activities at home.

I will use Panwapa as part of our curriculum in the winter session that will begin in January. In the mean time, it is a wonderful resource for enhancing your child's Mandarin and geographic awareness.

1. Please visit the site & establish an account for your family/child.
2. Please set your initial language preference for English & play the Penguin's Hide & Seek game in Mandarin. If your child speaks another language besides English, please set your preference to that language & play Hide & Seek in Mandarin. The Hide & Seek game is a bilingual game so you must select a language other than Chinese as your initial preference. Later, you can switch to Mandarin as the primary language & play the game in a different language with most of the dialogue in Mandarin.
3. Download & print the magazine and games in Mandarin (you must select Chinese as your language before going to the Caregiver portion of the website). These resources have game cards, board games etc. We will incorporate these games & resources into our classes this year & you can have them free at home by downloading & printing them. You can download them in English too to have a full translation for parent use.
4. Please give us feedback on what you think & how you would like to see the resource incorporated into our curriculum. It is very new & we have not yet had time to consider it's full use yet.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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