

Chinese Name Card Show

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For Chinese people, name is not only a symbol. Everybody has his own story about his name. I'd like to share the tradition and give kids a chance to have his/her own Chinese name.

Step One: Review

1. Greeting in Chinese and follow the Chinese way.
2. Check their homework.
3. Hand in the syllabus with both kid and parent's signatures.

Step Two: Get a Chinese name on-line

1. Organize students to go to Computer Lab.
2. Show them website: <http://www.mandarintools.com/>
3. Ask students get their own Chinese names by themselves. Get your own Chinese name based on your English name and find out your sign in the Chinese Zodiac! Simply type in your first and last name, select what kind of characteristics you want to be expressed in the name, select your gender, enter your birth date and press "Get a Name!".

Step Three: Presentation

1. Tell kids how to pronounce his/ her name in Chinese.
2. Put Pinyin above his/ her Chinese name.
3. Let them write down his/her Chinese name in Chinese

characters.

Step Four: New pattern

1. Show a new sentence pattern on the whiteboard.

wǒ shì

我是—— (I am——)

2. Practice the new sentence pattern with his/ her new Chinese name.

Step Five: Practice

1. Count number 123, and divide students into 3 groups.
2. Let them practice 我是—— to each other. (1’)
3. Show group work in front of the class.

Step Six: Chinese Name Card Show

1. Distribute special made name cards paper to kids.
2. Ask kids to write their Chinese names on the cards.
3. Fill in their ages.
4. Draw their own portraits by themselves.
5. Hold a Chinese name card show. Everyone take turns to show his/her name card with a portrait and introduce himself/herself in Chinese.

Step Seven: Homework

Practice your Chinese name.