



China

Digital Resources and Children's Books

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Kid-Friendly YouTube Clips:

Images of China: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dIxBxAZIXHM>

10 Best Places to Visit in China: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tBNkeXmq4IQ>

Geography Now, China: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lzAESaVqix0>

The Indigenous Peoples of China:

<https://www.indigenouspeople.net/ChineseLit/chinaindig.html#:~:text=Two%20terms%20C%20Miao%20and%20Hmong,to%20be%20about%207%20million.>

History of the Great Wall for Kids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=23oHqNEqRyo>

Fascinating Facts about China's Terracotta Army:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=smQphrZpFME>

Lunar New Year for Kids: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mm9LJC_5g2o

Understanding Chinese Dragons: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PZNICRsa324>

The Myth behind the Chinese Zodiac: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=may2s9j4RLk>

What is the Peking Opera? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ka5z3uYctug>

What is Classical Chinese Dance? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PasKPmOyLjs>

Chinese Traditional Instruments: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x4rktNO-65c>

The History of Tea, Shunan Teng: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LaLvVc1sS20>

Giant Panda Breeding Center in Chengdu:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izxkKkG3kzI>

Websites:

Overview of China: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China>

The History of Hong Kong: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-pacific-16526765>

A List of Chinese Inventions: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Chinese_inventions

Ancient Chinese Architecture:

<https://www.travelchinaguide.com/intro/architecture/#:~:text=Ancient%20Chinese%20architecture%20>

What is Feng Shui? https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Feng_shui

Religion in China: <https://www.cfr.org/backgrounder/religion-china>

Chinese Festivals & Events: <https://www.chinahighlights.com/festivals/>

Chinese Musical Instruments: <https://www.chinaeducationaltours.com/guide/culture-chinese-music.htm>

Traditional Chinese Medicine:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Traditional_Chinese_medicine

The History of Silk: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_silk

Features & Layouts of Chinese Gardens:

<https://www.chinahighlights.com/travelguide/architecture/features-garden.htm>

Lesson Plans

Chinese Studies: <https://www.chinainstitute.org/school/educators/curriculum-guides-lesson-plans/>

PBS Lesson Plan, The Story of China:

<https://opb.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/where-in-china-lesson-plan-story-of-china/where-in-china-lesson-plan-story-of-china/>

Scholastic, Exploring China: <https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/unit-plans/teaching-content/exploring-china/>

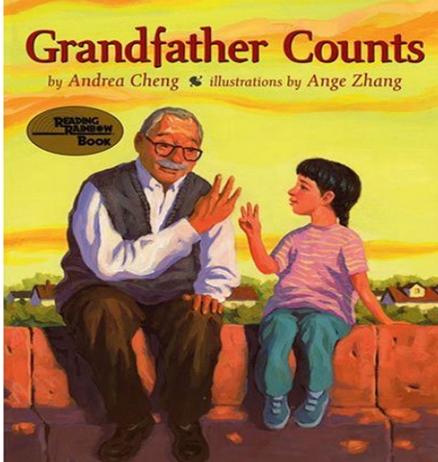
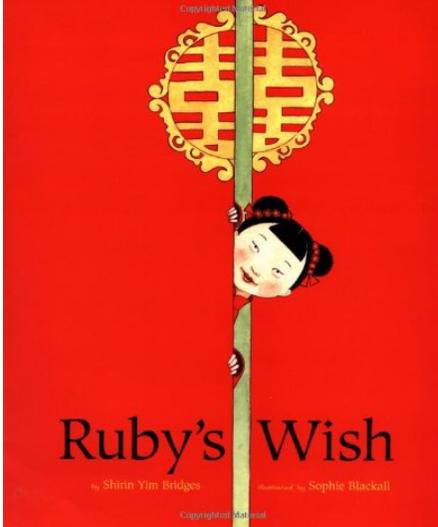
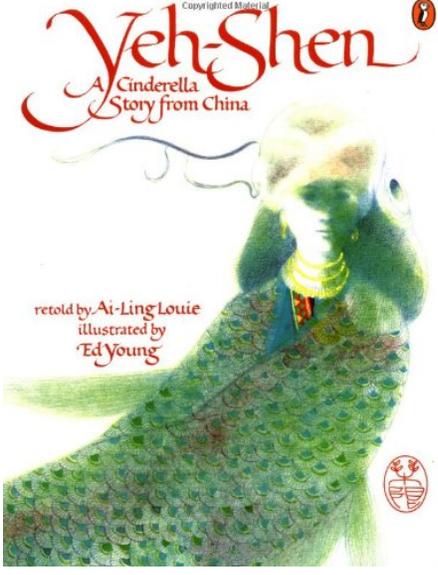
China Facts for Kids: <http://www.great-wall-of-china.com/china-facts-for-kids.html>

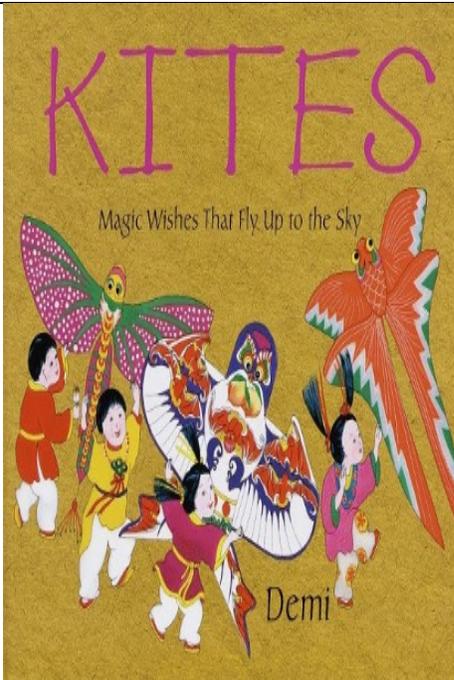
Traditional Chinese Games, Activity Village:

<http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/traditional-chinese-games>

Make a Chinese lantern: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YYrkvOiawQ0>

Children's Books:

	<p>Title: Grandfather Counts Author: Andrea Cheng Age Range: 6 - 8 years Grade Level: Preschool and up Series: Reading Rainbow Books Publisher: Lee & Low Books; Reprint edition Language: English ISBN-10: 1584301589 Summary: In this contemporary intergenerational story, a biracial girl and her Chinese grandfather overcome language differences and develop a special bond.</p>
	<p>Title: Ruby's Wish Author: Shirin Yim Grade Level: Preschool - 7 Publisher: Chronicle Books ISBN-10: 0811834905 Summary: Ruby is unlike most little girls in old China. Instead of aspiring to get married, Ruby is determined to attend university when she grows up, just like the boys in her family. Based upon the inspirational story of the author's grandmother and accompanied by richly detailed illustrations, Ruby's Wish is an engaging portrait of a young girl who strives for more and a family who rewards her hard work and courage.</p>
	<p>Title: Yeh-Shen: A Cinderella Story from China Author: Ai-Ling Louie Age Range: 4 - 8 years Grade Level: Preschool - 3 Publisher: Puffin Books; 1 edition ISBN-10: 0698113888 Summary: Half-starved and overworked by her stepmother, Yeh-Shen's only friend is a fish with golden eyes. When the stepmother kills the fish for dinner, poor Yeh-Shen is left with only the bones. But the bones are filled with a powerful spirit. When Yeh-Shen is forbidden to attend the annual spring festival, the spirit grants her a gown of azure blue and delicate golden slippers. That night, everyone marvels at the beautiful, mysterious young woman at the ball.</p>



Title: Kites

Author: Demi

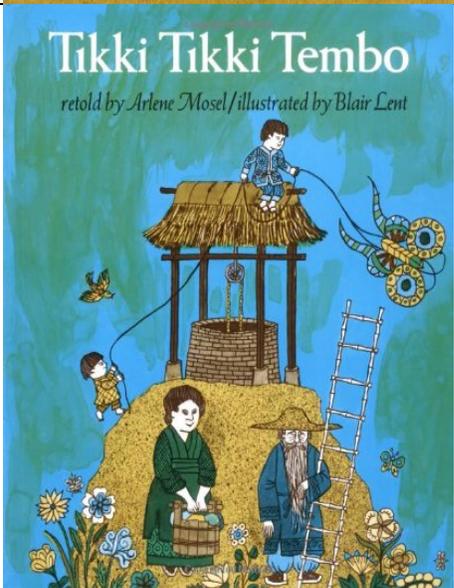
Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

ISBN-10: 0517800497

Summary: With the signature style and extraordinary artistry that have won her a loyal following, Demi tells the story of how kites came to be. Long ago in China, holy painters would paint the townspeople's wishes on paper to be left in temples for the gods to see and grant. But one day, an impatient mother who wanted her son to grow up strong and wise, had a holy painter paint a dragon, the symbol of strength and wisdom, on a kite. She then flew the kite up to the heavens where the gods lived so they would see the wish sooner and grant it more quickly.



Title: Tikki Tikki Tembo

Author: Arlene Mosel

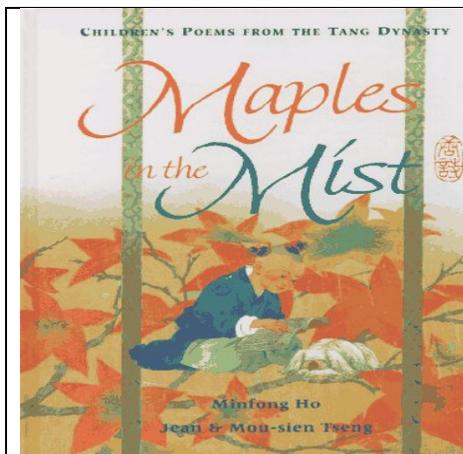
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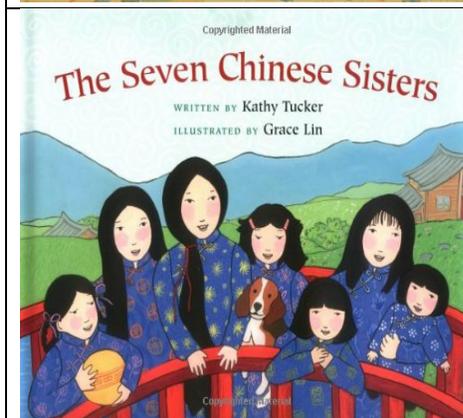
Publisher: Henry Holt and Co.

ISBN-10: 0805011668

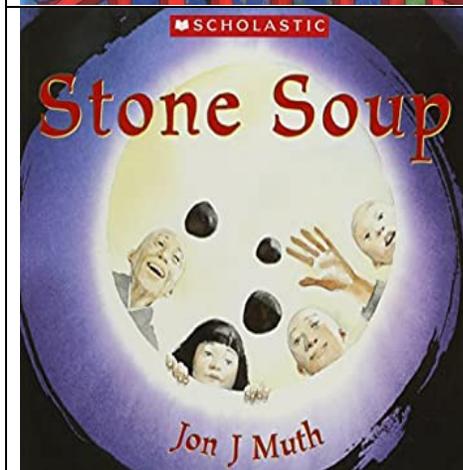
Summary: Three decades and more than one million copies later children still love hearing about the boy with the long name who fell down the well. Arlene Mosel and Blair Lent's classic re-creation of an ancient Chinese folktale has hooked legions of children, teachers, and parents, who return, generation after generation, to learn about the danger of having such an honorable name as Tikki tikki tembo-no sa rembo-chari bari ruchi-pip peri pembo.



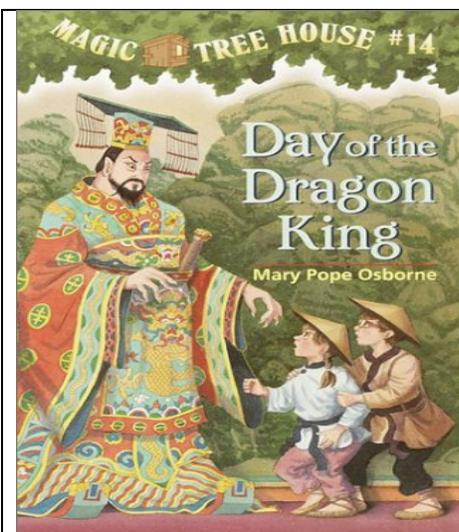
Title: Maples in the Mist: Poems for Children from the Tang Dynasty
Author: Minfong Ho
Hardcover: 24 pages
Publisher: Lothrop, Lee and Shepard Books
ISBN-10: 068812044X
Summary: These Tang dynasty poems, translated from the Chinese, were traditionally memorized by children learning to read. Ho tells readers in the brief, intimate introduction how the book grew out of her desire to pass these vivid four-line verses on to her own children.



Title: The Seven Chinese Sisters
Author: Kathy Tucker
Age Range: 5 - 8 years
Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company
ISBN-10: 0807573094
Summary: Once there were seven Chinese sisters who lived together and took care of each other. Each one had a special talent. When baby Seventh Sister is snatched by a hungry dragon, her loving sisters race to save her



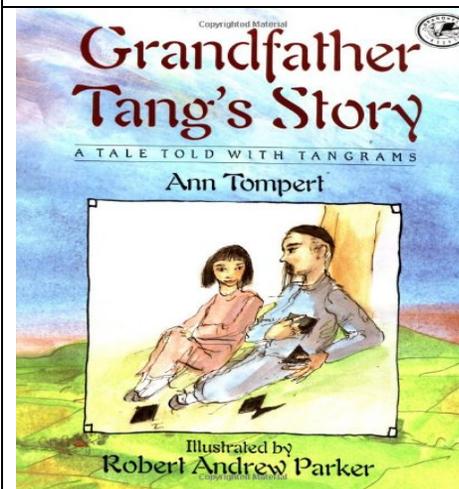
Title: Stone Soup
Author: Jon J Muth
Age Range: 4 - 8 years
Grade Level: Preschool - 3
Publisher: Scholastic Press; 1st edition
ISBN-10: 043933909X
Summary: Award-winning artist Jon J Muth retells the favorite tale of a selfish community who is tricked into creating a delicious soup from stones. Set in China in Muth's hauntingly beautiful watercolors.



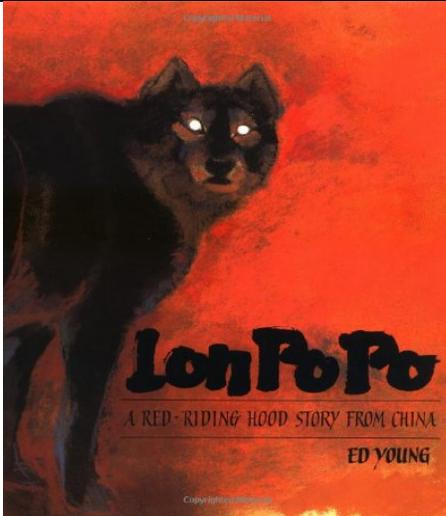
Title: Magic Treehouse: The Day of the Dragon King
Author: Mary Pope Osborne
Age Range: 6 - 9 years
Grade Level: 1 - 4
Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers
ISBN-10: 9780679890515
Summary: Jack and Annie find out when the Magic Tree House whisks them back to ancient China. There, a powerful emperor called the Dragon King has ordered that all books be burned. Will Jack and Annie be able to save at least one book? Or will they be captured by the emperor's soldiers?



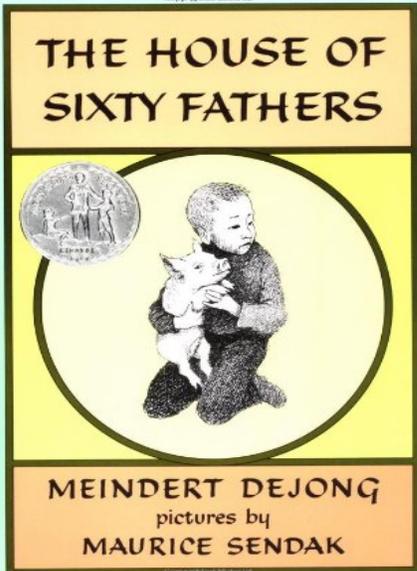
Age Range: 9 - 12 years
Grade Level: 4 - 7
Publisher: Clarion Books
ISBN-10: 0547848013
Summary: Things aren't looking good for fourteen-year-old Mehrigul. She yearns to be in school, but she's needed on the family farm. The longer she's out of school, the more likely it is that she'll be sent off to a Chinese factory . . . perhaps never to return. Her only hope is an American woman who buys one of her decorative vine baskets for a staggering sum and says she will return in three weeks for more. Mehrigul must brave terrible storms, torn-up hands from working the fields, and her father's scorn to get the baskets done. The stakes are high, and time is passing. A powerful intergenerational story of a strong, creative young artist in a cruelly oppressive society.



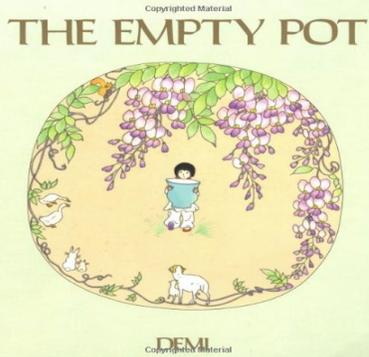
Title: Grandfather Tang's Story
Author: Ann Tompert
Age Range: 3 - 7 years
Grade Level: Preschool - 2
Series: Dragonfly Books
Publisher: Dragonfly Books; 1st edition
ISBN-10: 0517885581
Summary: Drawing on a Chinese form of storytelling with seven shapes cut from a square of paper, Tompert recounts the tale of two fox fairies. Parker's pen-and-watercolor art adds drama, while the tangram insets will motivate children to try their own versions."



Title: Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story from China
Author: Ed Young
Age Range: 4 - 8 years
Grade Level: Preschool - 3
Publisher: Philomel Books
ISBN-10: 0399216197
Summary: Not for the faint-hearted, *Lon Po Po* (Grandmother Wold), is a tale of a menacing danger and courage....(Young's) command of page composition and his sensitive use of color give the book a visual force that matches the strength of the story and stands as one of the illustrator's best efforts."



Title: The House of Sixty Fathers
Author: Meindert DeJong
Age Range: 8 - 12 years
Grade Level: 3 - 6
Publisher: HarperCollins; Reissue edition
ISBN-10: 0064402002
Summary: Tien Pao is all alone in enemy territory. Only a few days before, his family had escaped from the Japanese army, fleeing downriver by boat. Then came the terrible rainstorm. Tien Pao was fast asleep in the little sampan when the boat broke loose from its moorings and drifted right back to the Japanese soldiers. With only his lucky pig for company, Tien Pao must begin a long and dangerous journey in search of his home and family.



Title: The Empty Pot
Author: Demi
Age Range: 4 and up
Grade Level: Preschool - 3
Publisher: Square Fish; Reprint edition
ISBN-10: 0805049002
Summary: When Ping admits that he is the only child in China unable to grow a flower from the seeds distributed by the Emperor, he is rewarded for his honesty