

Blog Lesson Planner – “Second Grade”

Focus “CHINA”

Day	Guiding Questions Second Grade Classroom	Focus for Travelers	Class Activities & Discussion (Always respond to blog)	Materials (Always the blog)
<p>Monday, December 4th Day 1: Hong Kong</p> <p>Cultural Universal: Education & Architecture</p>	<p>1. How did the students get to The International School? 2. How far have Mrs. Tolisano and Mrs. St. Cyr traveled? 3. Do you meet anyone when you travel?</p>	<p>1. Video/pictures of school & Hong Kong</p>	<p>1. Read blog and watched the video of Mrs. Tolisano at the school 2. Looked for and discussed similarities and differences between the schools</p>	
<p>Tuesday, December 5th Day 2: Traveling</p> <p>Cultural Universal: Communication</p>	<p>1. Is it hard to communicate there? 2. Was the traveling hard?</p>	<p>1. None</p>	<p>1. Responded to the blog 2. Asked about the special flower = lotus flower and Yao Ming</p>	
<p>Wednesday, December 6th Day 3: Shanghai</p> <p>Focus: City Life, Food, Economics</p>	<p>1. Have you seen people eating with chopsticks? 2. Why is tea important? 3. Is their food different than ours?</p>	<p>1. Video/pictures of food</p>	<p>1. Watched the blog 2. Discussed market with the live animals for sale 3. Discussed differences in food and differences in customs of table manners</p>	
<p>Thursday, December 7th Day 4: Traveling</p> <p>Focus: Recreation</p>	<p>1. What have you seen? 2. What does Chinese food taste like?</p>	<p>1. Videos/pictures</p>	<p>1. Discussed the “Wishing Tree” and the Silk Factory 2. Chinese feast</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Green Tea - Rice - Chinese candy - Fortune cookies - Chopsticks



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Friday, December 8 th Day 5: Xi'an Cultural Universal: Art	1. What do you think the figures are? 3. Where does it look like they are? 4. What is a warrior? Are they different? 5. How long did it take to uncover them? 6. Who found them?	1. Video or pictures of Terra Cotta Warriors	1. Watched blog videos 2. General discussion 3. Discussed the story of the farmer who found them 4. Time in history when they were created	- Terra Cotta figures - Information on Figures
Monday, December 11 th Day 6: Xian & Beijing Focus: China in General	1. What have you seen?	1. Video/pictures	1. Watched video's on blog and discussed. -panda, rickshaw tour, Chinese flag, green bean pie instead of apple	
Tuesday, December 12 th Day 7: Beijing Cultural Universal: Architecture	1. How high is the Great Wall of China? 2. How long is the Great Wall? 3. How long did it take to build? 4. Why did they build it?	1. Video of wall	1. Watched the video on the blog 2. Discussed China in general - Dynasties, Ming Tombs, Dragons, Confucius	
Wednesday, December 13 th Day 8: Homeward Bound Focus: Wrap-up	1. Would you go back to see the Olympics?		1. Viewed websites for the 2008 Olympics 2. Viewed last portion of blog	- Computer

