



KEY CONCEPT	COMPONENTS
<p>Celebration Why do we celebrate?</p>	<p>CULTURE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chinese celebrations have unique Chinese features. Students will learn how Chinese celebrate when they have happy events and memorable days. They will learn the Chinese traditions and customs in celebrations as well as the differences between Chinese celebrations and foreign celebrations. A modern Chinese celebration is characterized by a huge crowd of people gathering together, having a feast, playing fireworks and giving performances.
	<p>CONNECTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Celebrations are an essential part of Chinese' lives. To learn the expressions and features of celebrations will help students know more about Chinese culture and understand Chinese life style. These can help them to know more about both traditional China and modern Chinese' lives.
	<p>LANGUAGE</p> <p>This course is designed to develop students' speaking and listening skills. Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> listen to some traditional Chinese celebration songs, such as <i>gong xi gong xi</i> learn how to say the names of various celebrations in Chinese such as <i>chun jie, guo qin, zhong qiu, duan wu, chong yang</i> etc. learn how to say some simple words and phrases associated with celebration, such as <i>fang yan hua, jiu xi, biao yan jie mu, ju can</i> etc view an authentic text about celebration as well as videos showing some popular celebrations in China, such as the previous spring festival gala evening from the Internet. use Chinese celebratory expressions to create a greeting card.
	<p>Achievement standard</p> <p>By the end of the term, students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> understand that Pinyin provides access to the sounds of the spoken language. identify features of the Chinese writing system, including the range of strokes and their sequences in character writing, and explain how component knowledge can assist in learning characters. be aware that each character is a meaningful unit (morpheme) that is used to make up words.