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Hello parents! This is a summary of the materials we have introduced today. We wish you to keep this because you are the most important source of information for your children. So we want to equip you with a substantial amount of knowledge on the Chinese Culture, and become a reliable source for your children.

Sichuan 四川

- The name "Sichuan" means "Four Rivers."
- Sichuan's famous Giant Panda Sanctuaries are home to more than 30% of the world's endangered giant pandas, as well as to other endangered species such as the red panda, snow leopard and clouded leopard.
- Sichuanese cuisine is known as one of the Four Great Traditions of Chinese cuisine. Their food is described by four words: spicy, hot, fresh and fragrant.
- With more than 80 million people, Sichuan is the 2nd most populated province in China! It is about the size of France.
- Sichuan is a province of multi-nationalities. Inhabitants are usually one of fifteen nationalities: the Qiang, Yi, Miao, Hui, Mongolian, Zang (Tibetan), Tujia, Bouyei, Lisu, Naxi, Bai, Manchu, Zhuang, and Dai.

Xi'an 西安

- The name "Xi'an" literally means "Western Peace."
- Xi'an is one of the oldest cities in China! It has been around for more than 3,100 years!
- It is one of the "Four Great Ancient Capitals of China," and was a capital under thirteen Chinese dynasties.
- Xi'an is the Eastern end of the Silk Road.
- The life-size Terracotta Warriors were created to protect Emperor Qin Shi Huang (Qin Dynasty) in the afterlife. The succeeding emperors of the Han dynasty were more practical, preferring small figurines to be buried with them.

Beijing 北京

- The name "Beijing" literally means "Northern Capital."
- Beijing is the capital of China!
- Its most famous dish is Peking duck.
- This city is one of the "Four Great Ancient Capitals of China."
- The city is considered to be the bicycle capital of the world. People of all ages ride bicycles as their prime method of transportation. There are many parking lots dedicated to bikes alone.

Great Wall 長城/长城

- The name (cháng chéng) means "long fortress"
- Construction began over 2000 years ago
- At 8,851.8 km (5,500.3 mi) long, it's longer than the distance from New York to California, and the longest man-made structure in the world!
- More than 300,000 soldiers and 500,000 commoners worked to build it in ancient times. That's about the same as the population of San Francisco!
- On average, the Great Wall is 25 feet tall and 15 -30 feet wide - enough for two cars to drive on!

Forbidden City 紫禁城 (zǐ jìn chéng) /故宫 (gù gōng)

- 紫禁城 means "Purple Forbidden City", while 故宫, another name, means "Former Palace"
- The Forbidden City got its name because it used to be forbidden for any commoner to enter
- It is over 600 years old and was built in the early 1400s
- The wall around the Forbidden City is 32 ft high
- The Dragon Line is a line running north-south through Beijing on which only the emperor was allowed to walk
- 9 was the emperors' lucky number because it represented heaven, where emperors supposedly came from. So, 9 gates were built around the emperor's inner palace, and the Forbidden Palace contains 9,999 rooms