

# Central Valley Home School

Kingsburg Elementary Charter School District



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## ***In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Bette Bao Lord*** ***April 14 – 17, 2020***

### **January - Chinese New Year**

**April 14** - Read pages 1-10. In this section Shirley plays a game called pick up beans. Your packet contains other traditional Chinese Strategy games. Give them a try.

[Games of Strategy](#)

**April 15** - Read pages 12 - 19. Once you've finished reading January, click this link [January](#) to take a short quiz to assess your comprehension of the story.

*\*Note if multiple students from the same household are taking the quiz, they will need to be sure to log into google from their specific student login, otherwise it will show as submitted.*

### **Name Game**

Before her big trip to America, Sixth Cousin a.k.a. Bandit received a new American name. Listed below is a link you can use to see what your name would look like in Chinese.

<http://www.mandarintools.com/chinesename.html>

Use the tool and then

- Sketch or paint (as best you can), what the characters of your name look like.
- Save your drawing for a Monday Meeting on April 20th @ 9:30 AM

Discussion/Journal: If you were part of the Chinese culture, your family would assign to you a nickname much like Bandit and Precious Coins had. What nickname do you think your family would assign to you and why. Write a short response and email it to your teacher.

### **February - A Journey of Ten Thousand Miles**

**April 16** - Read pages 21-31. Shirley and her mother had to travel quite a distance to reach San Francisco by boat. Once in San Francisco, they traveled by train to Brooklyn, New York.

Discussion/Journal: Draw or look up a map depicting Shirley's journey from Chungking, China to San Francisco. What is the farthest trip you have been on? What modes of travel (flight, boat, car, train, bus) have you used. Which do you prefer and why?

**April 17** - Read pages 32-39. Once you've finished February, click this link [February](#) to take a short quiz to assess your comprehension of the story.

## **Chinese Zodiac**

In Chinese mythology, each year is named after one of 12 animals. Each of the animals is known to have certain characteristics, and it is believed that people share the same qualities as the animal they are born under. If this peaks your interest the resources below are good information for further study.

Ted Ed video on the mythology behind it, including mathematical/astronomical terms and cultural origins <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=may2s9j4RLk>

Find your animal:

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/chinese-horoscopes/>

Zodiac Chart:

<https://www.owlkids.com/happy-year-of-the-horse/chickadee-chinese-zodiac/>

The Chinese new year is set as a lunar calendar, and so the date the new year begins varies. It is usually a couple weeks after our January 1st. If you have a January or late February birthday? Then your birthday may be considered the year before... check out the dates listed for each year on the following chart:

<https://www.parentmap.com/article/chinese-zodiac-for-kids-and-parents>

## **Zodiac Wheel**

Color, cut out, and assemble the zodiac wheel. Once you've completed this you can find the year of your birth and the animal that represents you. Then consult your zodiac chart to see if the animal accurately reflects you.

Monday Meeting with Mrs. Jennings - open to all CVHS students

April 20, 2020 @ 9:30 AM

Topics to include

- Book chat
- Students will show off thier artwork (Chinese characters)
- Share with others the nickname your family would assign to you
- Discuss your Zodiac year of birth and animal