

## Summer Reading

### For Students Going into Chinese IV Honors

First of all: Congratulations!! You guys have finished three years of Chinese language studies successfully, and are now about to enter Chinese IV, an honors class. Like every other honors class in high school, Chinese IV requires commitment and enthusiasm for the subject. I am convinced that you have both, and I am very much looking forward to teaching this class.

In order to make this a successful year, I want you to do some summer reading to maintain your level of comprehension. I picked three fables that are very well known in China/Asia from the book *Tales and Traditions*, Vol. I, by Xiao, Yun et al. Cheng & Tsui Company, Inc. 2008. For each fable you will find a

- Character sheet
- Vocabulary list
- Questions in Chinese and English
- Character text with pinyin.

These stories should be quite enjoyable; the assignment related with the stories will be your first grade in Chinese IV Honors. You will pick TWO of the three stories and

- Practice reading the stories (characters and pinyin version), so that you are able to read the character text fluently.
- Translate the stories into English
- Answer the attached questions (Chinese questions in Chinese, English questions in English)

This assignment will count as a test, worth 40 pts. It is due before September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

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| • Translation of 2 stories, 10 pts each                 | 20 pts |
| • Answering questions of 2 stories, 5 pts each          | 10 pts |
| • Reading one of the stories (characters only) in class | 10 pts |

Have a great summer! 暑假愉快 !! Shǔjià yúkuài!!