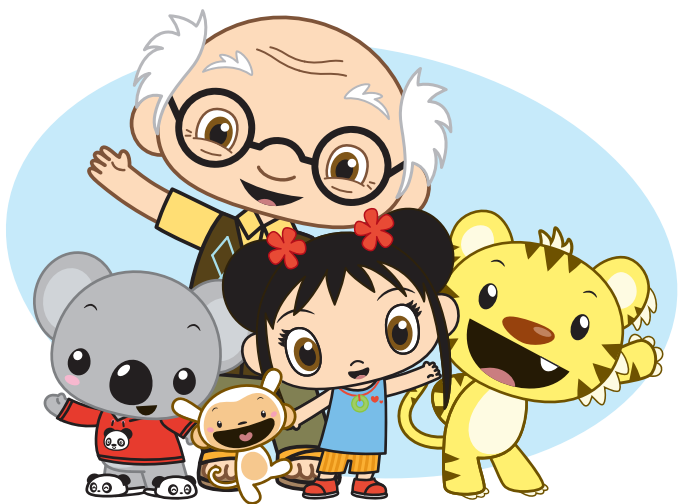


Dear Parents,

Ni Hao! That means "hi" in Mandarin Chinese and is also how Kai-lan, an energetic Chinese-American preschooler, greets your child to her new show on Nickelodeon. **Ni Hao, Kai-lan** is a play-along, think-along series that weaves together the Mandarin Chinese language and Chinese culture into magical stories that your child will relate to and love.

In every episode, Kai-lan and her animal friends use creative thinking to come up with something exciting to do together. Whether it's having a hat parade or a dragon boat race, the focus is on teaching your child about friendship, cooperation and social problem solving. Each time, Kai-lan needs the help of the viewer to overcome obstacles which brings your child into the adventure and makes them feel like a trusted friend and playmate to the characters. The show also encourages your child to think about how characters feel by noticing their body language and expressions – an essential social and emotional skill for your child to learn at this age. Studies show that it is easiest for children to learn about other cultures and new languages when they are young. This multicultural perspective helps your child understand how to interact with the increasingly diverse world they live in. If you notice your child coming home from school saying new Mandarin Chinese words and phrases, it is thanks to the classroom activities from **Ni Hao, Kai-lan**. You can continue this exploration at home with the provided activities that allow the whole family to learn about Chinese traditions and discover a new language.



Celebrate the Chinese New Year at Home

It's February and time to celebrate the Chinese New Year! Your child's class has been learning about Chinese American culture and language with the help of **Ni Hao, Kai-lan**. You can celebrate at home by making red paper chains. The color red is considered good luck for the New Year. Here's how:

- 1 Cut red paper into 2" x 8" inch strips.
- 2 Show your child how to curl the strip into a circle and tape the ends.
- 3 Then thread the next strip through the circle and fasten the end into another circle.



Keep adding strips and making circles to make a red "good luck" chain for your house!

Kai-lan Says

Play a "Simon Says-style" game to introduce your family to the enjoyment of communicating in a different language...Mandarin Chinese! Just "say and do" the phrases below and invite your family to try it too!

When Kai-lan says...	This means...
Ni Hao ("nee how")	hi (wave hi)
Zai Jian ("zai jeeyon")	good bye (wave good bye)
Zhen Bang ("jen bang")	great job (thumbs up)
Bao Bao ("bao bao")	hug hug! (give a hug)

Tune-in to **Ni Hao, Kai-lan** weekdays on Nickelodeon beginning February 7th!

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