

Asian Heritage Month 2026

SPEAK PEACE

Classroom Connections



The Arts

Visual Arts

- Learn how to fold origami paper cranes or other animals. (Elements of Design - shape and form)
- Research other forms of paper arts such as jianzhi from China, shadow puppetry from Thailand, calligraphy, etc.). (Exploring Forms and Cultural Contexts)
- Ask students, “What does peace look like to you?” Invite learners to illustrate their thoughts with words and pictures. Create posters to promote peace in your school community. (Reflecting, Responding, and Analyzing)



Language Arts

Comprehension: Understanding and Responding to Texts

- Read about Asian Canadian activists who are seeking a more peaceful world. What motivates these activists? How do they spread their message?
- Read *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* by Eleanor Coerr. Invite students to write reflections from different characters’ points of view.

Composition: Expressing Ideas and Creating Texts

- Journal prompt: How do you create peace in the world? Give examples of peaceful actions you’ve seen or done in your classroom, school, community, or in your home.



Mathematics

Data Literacy

- Invite learners to collect data about languages spoken by students, staff, and/or others in the school community. Select the graph best suited to represent the data and display the data in the graph.



Social Studies/Geography

Gr. 2 Global Communities; Gr. 6 Canada's Interactions with the Global Community; Gr. 8 Global Inequalities: Economic Development and Quality of Life

- Using the language guide on the following pages, map where the languages that appear in the poster are spoken on a map of Asia.
- Find out more about the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) or other organizations that are working toward peaceful solutions to global problems.
- Learn about the Nobel Peace Prize and find out who has been awarded the honour in the past. What did the organization or individuals do to be recognized? Is there a person or group you think deserves recognition?
- Read about the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and create infographics to highlight each one.

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Language Guide



The poster's background features the word "peace" in different Asian languages. There are over 2,000 languages and dialects spoken across Asia; those in the poster represent a sampling of some you might hear in Ontario classrooms and communities. The following table includes a list of the languages featured, where they're spoken, and how to pronounce the word peace in each language using English characters. The columns correspond to the poster (left to right).

Column 1

	Language	Location	English Pronunciation
平和	Japanese	Japan	<i>HEY-wah</i>
གཞི་བདེ	Tibetan	Tibet, India, China	<i>SHI-dey/SHI-bey</i>
diyakrata	Maranao	Philippines	<i>dee-ya-krat-ah</i>
ความสงบ	Thai	Thailand	<i>KHWAAM-saa-nope</i>
صلح	Farsi (<i>Persian</i>)	Iran, Iraq	<i>solh</i>
perdamian	Indonesian	Indonesia	<i>per-DA-may-an</i>
शांति	Hindi	India	<i>SHAN-tee</i>
kapayapaan	Tagalog (<i>Pilipino</i>)	Philippines	<i>ka-pa-ya-PAAN</i>
paix	French	Canada, France	<i>pay</i>
ਸ਼ਾਂਤੀ	Punjabi (<i>Punjab</i>)	Pakistan, India	<i>SHAN-tee</i>
խաղաղություն	Armenian	Armenia	<i>kaa-gaa-gut-YOON</i>
શાંતિ	Gujarati	India, Pakistan	<i>SHAN-tee</i>

Column 2

평화	Korean	Korean Peninsula	<i>pee-YONG-hwah</i>
ສັນຕິພາບ	Lao	Laos	<i>SUN-tee-pap</i>
амар амгалан	Mongolian Cyrillic	Mongolia	<i>a-mar aam-gal-an</i>
அமைதி	Tamil	India, Sri Lanka	<i>aa-MAI-tee</i>
barış	Turkish	Turkey, Cyprus	<i>BAR-is</i>
hòa bình	Vietnamese	Vietnam	<i>HWA-bin</i>
ငြိမ်းချမ်းရေး	Burmese	Myanmar	<i>nee-chan-yee</i>
kev thaj yeeb	Hmong	S. China, Vietnam, Laos, Thailand	<i>kev-thaj-yeeb</i>
sühl	Azerbaijani (<i>Azeri</i>)	Azerbaijan	<i>sool</i>
שלום	Hebrew	Israel	<i>sha-LOME</i>

Column 3

تىنچلىق	Uighur (<i>Uyghur</i>)	China, central Asia	<i>TINCH-lick</i>
kappia	Ilocano	Philippines	<i>ka-PEE-ya</i>
സമാധാനം	Malayalam	India	<i>sa-MAAD-hy-nam</i>
tinchlik	Uzbek	Uzbekistan, central Asia	<i>TINCH-lick</i>
ಶಾಂತಿ	Kannada	India	<i>SHAN-tee</i>
бейбітшілік	Kazakh	Kazakhstan	<i>bey-bit-SHI-lick</i>
សន្តិភាព	Khmer	Cambodia	<i>SAN-tep-heap</i>
aşîî	Kurdish	Kurdistan (central Asia)	<i>AHUSH-tee</i>
parahatçylyk	Turkmen	Turkmenistan, central Asia	<i>pah-ra-HAT-chu-luk</i>
امن	Urdu, Kashmiri	Pakistan, India, central Asia	<i>amn</i>

Column 4

和平	Chinese – Mandarin & Cantonese	China, Singapore, Vietnam	<i>HU-ping (Mandarin)</i> <i>WUH-ping</i> <i>(Cantonese)</i>
සාමය	Sinhala	Sri Lanka	<i>saa-ma-ya</i>
tentrem	Javanese	Indonesia	<i>TEN-TER-am</i>
سوله	Pashto	Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan	<i>SO-la</i>
kedamaian	Indonesian (Bahasa)	Indonesia	<i>ke-de-MAI-an</i>
శాంతి	Telugu	India	<i>SAN-tee</i>
kalinaw	Cebuano	Philippines	<i>ka-LEE-naw</i>
سلام	Arabic, Ishkashmi	west and central Asia	<i>sa-LAAM</i>
vakacegu	Fijian	Fiji	<i>va-ka-THEH-ngo</i>
শান্তি	Bangla, Bengali, Assamese	Bangladesh, India	<i>SHAN-tee</i>

