Ms. Gao's 87-minute Class Format

Procedure	Time	Activities	Notes
Warm-ups	10min	 Vocab review by using flashcards (whole class) Performing or reciting rhymes (small group) Vocab review through drawing, acting out Daily report (two students a day) 	* Unit flashcards * Folders
Check homework	10min	 Checking written homework by having a few students write the homework on the whiteboard (group checking) Checking students' pronunciation, listening and speaking skills (give instant feedback) 	* Students are asked to correct mistakes in their written homework
Presentation by Teacher	10min	Introduce: New word usages and expressions New grammars New concept China facts: people, language, and culture Anything important 	* Power-point * Handouts * Q&A
Practice & Performance	30min	 Learning activities: What in a word? (Vocab learning: individual) We win! (Vocab learning: group) Grammar fun! (Individual & group activity) Speaking: Lessons, mini dialogues, Q&A Role-playing: mini talks, make up dialogues, etc. Perform: rhymes, mini talks, skits, etc. Present: Dialogues, projects, etc. 	* Tell a word story * Set the stage * Join-in activities
Listening & Discussion	10min	 YouTube: Chinese language & culture related Listen to current lesson Discussion: Language, culture, current news, etc. Debates 	* Video clips * Question list
Writing	10min	 Chinese character writing practice Describe the pictures: from pictures to story Work on a dialogue with a classmate or two Work on the homework assignment (written) Unit project: rewrite rhyme or make up a dialogue 	* Small writing boards * Pictures * Video taping
Wrap-ups	7min	 Highlights of the day's class: 3 highlights Review what we've learned during class Assign homework before the bell rings 	* End on high note * Competition activity * End class on time
Fill-ins: Exploring & Experience Short day or week or When needed	10min or Longer	 Chinese art: Paper-cut, calligraphy, painting Chinese games: tangrams, Chinese checker, yoyo Chinese movie or movie clips Chinese holiday celebration: Chinese New Year Project: End-of-the-year book project Field trip to Boston Chinatown (late May or June) Book translation: favorite picture books Make a card in Chinese: Special holiday or event China Day or Evening: Talent Show, skits, projects, food, etc. (in June) Chinese cooking: learn to make pot-stickers, fried rice, fried noodles, tea-eggs, etc. 	 * Colorful papers * Chinese games * Picture books * Electric cooking pan