Professional Goal

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My professional goal for this coming school year is to put what I learned from the Startalk program at University of Virginia into my teaching. Specifically, immersion language teaching, focus on communication (listening and speaking), and the use of technology.

Being able to experience this program made me realize that immersion is truly the effective way to learn the second language. It also let me understand how the immersion works. My goal for the next school year is to make Chinese II 80% immersion and Chinese I 60% immersion.

Students often complain about the complex of Chinese characters. They said that they wish they can only learn the Pinyin instead of the characters. Through this program, I also understand how the speaking and listening can be taught before the reading and writing. I will focus on listening and speaking first for my first year students so Chinese won't be so hard for them.

I will also put the use of technology as a goal for myself. In this new school year, I will at least have one technology project per term for my students.