

Professional Goals

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Based on the rich lessons we learned from the 2012 UVA Startalk program, I have two professional goals now. One is very concrete, while the other is very huge. First concrete thing I am going to do is start to build up a immersion class in the coming year. I will prepare signs, strategies and insist on the first day of next school year.

Second goal is a huge one for solving my own difficulties. I am now having more than 100 elementary students. As an only Chinese teacher in my school, I am always eager for more professional self-assessment cognition to improve myself in teaching Chinese, especially for elementary level. Since we learned so many teaching theories here for middle school and high school, even adult students here, I would very like to try to connect them to elementary level. As everyone knows, for children in language learning, it is always the earlier the better. So I deeply believe in that there must be also some ways to use all the theories to fit the younger children which will be much helpful for their Chinese learning foundation. I will start to keep in reminding myself to evaluate my teaching with the theories in the next year and figure out some concrete learning activities based on the theories.