

Books to Treasure

[Kite Flying](#)

Written & Illustrated by Grace Lin

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Language Arts and Visual Arts

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Summary: A young girl describes how her family makes and flies a kite.

Pass Objectives: Language Arts and Visual Art

Reading/Literature: The student will apply a wide range of strategies to comprehend, interpret, evaluate, appreciate, and respond to a wide variety of texts.

5.1a Read and comprehend both fiction and nonfiction that is appropriately designed for second grade.

Visual Art: The student will recognize the development of visual art from an historical and cultural perspective.

2.1 Understand art reflects the culture of its origin.

Activities:

1. Meet the Author, Grace Lin. [Video](#) Interview with Grace Lin in which she discusses how she became a children's author. View the video and share *Kite Flying* with the class.
2. Activity page from Grace Lin's website. Grace Lin's [Kite Flying activity page](#) has a coloring page, kite craft and lesson on symbolism.
3. Multicultural Minute video. In this [video](#), Grace Lin talks briefly about being ashamed of her Asian culture as a young girl and how she learned to embrace her culture.

Bibliography for Chinese Kite flying books available at TCCL:

- [The legend of the kite: a story of China](#) by Chen Jiang Hong
- [Chinese kites: how to make and fly them](#) by David F. Jue
- [China: land, life and culture](#) by John and Jackie Tidey
- [Chinese artistic kites](#) by Ha Kuiming and Ha Yigi