

Living as Ancient Chinese Child

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How do you think it would be living in Ancient China as a kid? Do you think it was difficult? This is how your life would be.

First off, before the children were born the mother's parents would send her flowers, food, sweets, and clothes for the baby. When a boy was born, he was given a piece of jade and a bow was hung outside the family's doorway. A girl was given a curved roof tile and a handkerchief was hung at the doorway. More presents were given when they were 100 years old. A gift that was most given was a padlock to give the baby a long healthy life.

Next, growing up you were raised to be gentle, friendly, polite and obedient. Children's punishments never ended up to be beaten but instead were told ghost stories to scare them.

Also, everyone in the household got up at dawn to follow an Ancient list of duties. But when they first got up they were to wash their hands, rinsed their mouth's, combed their hair, and dressed, the children had to gather pillows and mats to air out.



Chinese children doing chores

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Once they were finished they were to sprinkle each floor of the rooms and courtyard with water and sweep them out. After all the work they went to their parents to see if they were well enough to bring them any food needed or to wash anything. After finished with each task they had free time to play. The younger ones played with ragged dolls and the older ones played with clay figures, musical instruments, masks, puzzles or any other toys they might have brought to play with.

Fourth, in Ancient China boys over age of seven were fed first, then the women and children under seven ate. Mothers nursed their children until they were two or until they learned to use their hands for eating. People on the countryside ate at dawn, midday and sunset. In the cities they made soybeans, corn-flower cakes, or candied fruit were popular. Poor people mostly lived on a diet of rice, cabbage, and a little pork and bean curd. Small children learned quickly to use chopsticks and hold their bowl near their mouth so food didn't spill.

Another example, during seasons, like the summer, small children often wore only an apron tied at the neck and waist. When children were three or four, they dressed much like adults like wearing a robe or a tunic worn over trousers. Wealthy children wore leather shoes or silk slippers. Poor children wore wooden clogs or straw sandals. During the winter everyone wore thick coats and several layers of clothes. In China people were

proud of the children's black hair an often tied it in ribbons . Boys often wore cloths in lucky color of red and pink. Children also wore hats , collars ,and shoes with designs of tigers ,dogs ,or pigs to scare away evil spirits.

Also , boys usually went to school at the age of seven if their parents were rich, they had a private tutor. The richest children went to special schools between ages 7-13. Girls usually were not put in school . Instead they learned to spin ,weave ,and embroider, and they helped they're mothers at home. During spare time children were encouraged to practice copying characters with a brush and ink . Chinese children learned , calligraphy ,or writing.



Chinese children in school

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As you can see, this is what living in Ancient China as a child would be. Now tell yourself, was life there and then difficult?

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