10 Amazing Facts About China!

For the New Year, Chinese children receive red packets with money inside. It is called "Lucky Money" because the red packet in which it comes is a symbol for good luck in the new year!

**Soccer** is a popular sport in China, just like it is in the United States!

Half of the people in China work in farming. While dairy products are number one in Wisconsin, rice and cotton are two of the main products of Chinese farms.

China's population is highest in the world! About 1 out of every 5 people in the world live in China.

In school, Chinese children study most of the same things we do. But they go to school from 7:30a-5:00p with 2 hours for lunch. The school year runs from September to mid-July.

A panda's favorite food is bamboo! However, it is hard for pandas to digest the bamboo and get the nutrients they need. So **pandas must eat 20-40 pounds of bamboo a day**, spending 10-16 hours a day looking for and eating food. Wow!

**Fireworks were invented in China** and are part of the New Year's celebration. It was believed that fireworks scared away "evil spirits"!

The Forbidden City is where the Emperors of China used to live. It has many palaces with a total of 10,000 rooms! It got its name because it was forbidden for anyone to enter except the family, staff and those invited by the Emperor.

China and the United States are close to the same size! The climate is similar, too. Cold in the north and warmer in the south.

**In China, dragons are loved, not feared!** They're considered beautiful, friendly and wise!

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