

Podcast 1-International Week 2020-*Names Around the World*

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Hi All! This is Mrs. Siegel. Welcome to our Podcast this morning. This is the first in a series of Podcasts in celebration of our 2020 International Week theme...*Names Around the World*.

Your class received a copy of a most delightful book ...
Alma and How She Got Her Name by Juana Martinez-Neal. *Alma* is curious about her long name, so Daddy tells his little girl her big story.

Hanging throughout the Baker hallways are your amazing mobiles...Thank you for sharing your BIG stories.

Join us now in a fascinating interview with fifth grade twin brothers, only born one minute apart. Welcome Zikun Qian, known to us as Oscar from Ms. Schmidt's class and Zipeng Qian, known to us as William from Mrs. Alexandrou's class.

Mrs. Siegel: Welcome Oscar, and William. We will begin our interview. Oscar this question is for you? Where were you born?

Oscar: We were born on the continent of Asia. We come from a big city in China called Guang Zhou. China is the fourth largest country in the world.

Mrs. Siegel: This week we are learning about what our names mean, so William this question is for you? We call you William at Baker, but your Chinese name is Zipeng.

What does Zipeng mean?

William: Let's start with Zi found at the beginning of our names: Zi has 2 meanings: Zi means boy, and it also means born in the year of the RAT. So, Oscar and I are boys born in the year of the RAT.

The second part of my name is Peng. Peng, is a character found in a Chinese legend that was a powerful BIRD that was thousands of miles long, and flew with great speed.

Mrs. Siegel: And now to Oscar... for the same question. **What does your Chinese name Kun mean?**

Oscar: Kun comes from the story legend about a GIANT fish. Kun is a powerful, and confident character.

Mrs. Siegel: One last question...why did your parents choose Oscar as your English name?

Oscar: My parents named me after the famous movie award, **The Oscar**. My parents think I am talented.

Mrs. Siegel: And William, why William?

William: Why William? There were many kings and princes named William, and so my dad hopes that I will be a leader one day, just like the royals.

Mrs. Siegel: Thank you to the **Qian** brothers for sharing their BIG stories.

