## 二年級生



## SANMAU

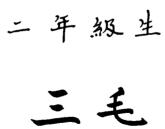
THE

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Sanmau, the Second Grader



#### PREFACE

THESE STORIES were written as a continuation of LEARN-ING CHINESE WITH FUN. Dialogues are used extensively so that a class project such as a puppet show can be effortlessly developed.

New words and phrases are listed preceding each story. The reader should look over the list before reading the story. Most of the stories are not connected chronologically, but new words and phrases are introduced sequentially. Idiomatic translations are included at the end of the book.

I hope that students will not only learn typical Chinese sentence structure through the dialogues but also share the fun of the Sanmau family.

The story of a comic character with only three hairs, who had quite an experience with his barber, has for some unknown reason amused me for many a year. I had never thought of giving him a family and making him a living vehicle for teaching Chinese until late January, 1968 when my Chinese class at the Chinese School of Pittsburgh was finishing LEARNING CHINESE WITH FUN. In searching for further teaching material, I gave the students some simple story books I had on hand and asked them to express their opinions about what they would like to do for the second semester. Most said they would like to read stories based on their daily experiences in a vocabulary of everyday usage. They also like stories that are entertaining. In addition, they like to act out some of the stories at the end of the year to entertain their parents.

Sanmau and his family are brought forth to serve the purpose. It is a fictitious family with imaginary characters. That the characters are not real is not important; the important thing is that they live in a realistic environment, as we do. Each of

them has a place in their society as a worthwhile individual. Just like us, they too have their shortcomings. The father is an absent-minded professor; the mother an intelligent housewife; the elder brother a college student; the elder sister a teenager; the younger brother and sister a set of twins of preschool age; and Sanmau (meaning three hairs or thirty cents in Chinese) a second grader. All of them can speak Chinese, but the children are still learning Chinese from their parents who came from China.

I hope that through their dialogues students will learn typical Chinese sentence structure and while doing so students can laugh and enjoy the process of learning Chinese.

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SANMAU

(jr) only

此 (dzwei) mouth, bill

三根頭髮. three hairs (sāngēn tóufa)

口 (kou) bite, mouth, opening oral

緣故 (ywángù) cause. reason 耳朶 (erdwo) ear

看起來不一樣
does not look the same

月亮 (ywelyang) moon

不多不少 no more no less

像八月十五的月亮 resembles the August Moon 露出来 (lûchulai) showing

鼻子 (bídz) nose

門牙 front tooth

眼睛 (yanjing) eye

嘴張着 with mouth open

合起来 (héchilái) combined, put together 舌頭 (shétóu) tongue

搓的 (jywande)
curly

都漫過了(dou tànggwòle)往一邊、杭 all had permanents come to one side

although, even though

冬人 (gèrén) each, every

梳法 (shūfa) hair style

梳子 comb

梳镇 comb hair

眉稱 (jyǎncheng) for short

選記) 違几(byār)

另外 (lingwai) the other

全家 (chywánjyā) the whole family

= 1 (Sānmáu) a name

三毛 { thirty cents

🕹 hair, fur

## 三毛

三毛是個男孩子.沒 有人知道他是姓三名 毛呢!還是姓毛名三呢! 還是姓三毛?也許他叫 三毛是因為他只有三 根頭髮的緣故. 三毛的相貌很有意 思他的臉是圓圓的很 像八月十五的大月亮 () 他的鼻子跟眼睛 合起来像個"小"字.(小) 他的嘴像個"口"字(公)

他也跟别人一樣有兩隻耳朵但是他的

雨隻耳朵看起來不一 樣一隻是個"耳"字另外 一隻像"那"字的右邊町 三毛笑的時候 他的門牙不多不少只 露出三個所以當他笑 的時候他的嘴看起来 就像個"四"字(型) 三毛 也很喜歡唱歌他唱歌 的時候,嘴瑟着,古頭在 中間看起來就像個"日" 字(江) 三毛有爸爸媽媽哥

哥姐姐,弟弟,妹妹他們 每個人也都只有三根

頭髮男的頭髮是直的 但是女的頭髮是捲的 因為女的頭髮都燙過 了雖然每個人只有三 根頭髮但是各人有自 己的梳法三毛的爸爸 跟三毛的媽媽簡稱作 三毛爸爸三毛妈妈喜 歡把他們的頭髮往一 邊、梳门笔三毛自己 善歡把他的頭髮往另外一邊、梳厂三毛的 哥哥跟三毛的姐姐, 簡 梅作三毛哥哥三毛姐 姐喜歡把他們的頭髮

往後梳(")(")三毛的 弟弟跟三毛的女教教簡 稱作三毛弟弟,三毛妹 妹喜歡把他們的頭髮 往前梳(叭)(山) 三毛全家人的樣子 都差不多臉都是圓圓 的像八月十五的月亮 鼻子跟眼睛合起來像 個"小"字嘴就是個"口"字 雨隻耳朵不一樣一隻 就是倜"耳"字,另 外,一隻 像"那"字的右边里 三毛媽媽 三毛哥哥





他們笑的時候,每張 嘴裏的門牙也就不多 不少只露出三個所以 他們的嘴看起來就像 些"一"字图 (10) 他們唱歌的時候,嘴 都瑟着,古頭都在中間 他們的嘴看起來就像 些"目"字气间

# 中秋月亮

THE AUGUST MOON

書房 den

應該(yīnggāi) = 應當 ought to, should

:先误(syidzau) bathe

準備 (jwŭnbèi) get ready

浪費 (làngfèi) waste

能够 be able to

護 (jyang) tell (a story)

胡言之 (húshwō) talk nonsense

(lyán) connect, join

-連兩天 two days in a row

jan (jēngchau) quarrel

本來 originally

本来是應.該

在樓下 (dzài lóusyà) downstairs

下樓 go downstairs

毛視 (dyànshì) television

老在樓下看電視 all the time watching TV downstairs

肯 (ken) be willing to 讓 (ràng) let, yield to 從前 (tsúngchyan) in the past, before, once

家家 every family 中秋節 (jūngchyōujyé) Mid-Autumn Festival

左右 about, around

upon a time

月点并 special cakes and cookies eaten on the night of August 15

賞(shang) appreciate 明島, clear and bright 剪得着 (gòudejáu) can reach it

看你覺得怎樣 see how do you feel about it

浮在空中(fú dzài kūngjūng) floating in the air

並不 (bìngbù) did not actually 我正要告訴你 I was going to tell you

突然 (túrán) suddenly 女子女子的看了一下 take a good look at

而且 (érchye) and also 決定 (jywéding) decide

面製 (myànshou) familiar

我們這樣吧! Let's do this.

立刻 (lì kè) immediately

女子女子的梳-梳頭髮 comb the hair well

正從漂房出來 just coming out of the bathroom

你們兩人當中 between you two

你一定得看 you've got to see

你們三個人當中 among you three

會學得 would feel

中秋月亮 The August Moon

