

## The Meaning for Science Education of the Children's Primers—*San Zi Jing* and *You Xue Qiong Lin*

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**Abstract** Before Western-style schools emerge in China, *San Zi Jing* (三字經) and *You Xue Qiong Lin* (幼學瓊林) are the main primers for children to learn common sense. *San Zi Jing* is a small encyclopedia of common sense, and *You Xue Qiong Lin* is a lexicon of idioms and allusions. We notice that there is a lot of general knowledge of natural science and technology in these two books. The ancient educators do not neglect the subjects of natural history, natural science and technology.

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