



Chinese Proverbs on Learning

1 学无止境

Xué wú zhǐjìng

There is no limit in learning

2 温故而知新

Wēngù ér zhī xīn

Studying the past helps to understand the present

3 一分耕耘, 一分收获

Yī fēn gēngyún, yī fēn shōuhuò

No pain, no gain

4 读万卷书不如行万里路

Dú wàn juǎn shū bùrú xíng wàn lǐ lù

Reading thousands of books is not as good as traveling thousands of miles

5 闻而忘之；见而记之；行而知之

Wén ér wàng zhī; jiàn ér jì zhī; xíng ér zhīzhī

I listen and I forget, I see and I remember, I do and I understand

6 学而不思则罔，思而不学则殆

Xué ér bù sī zé wǎng, sī ér bù xué zé dài

Learning without thinking means wasted work; thinking without learning is dangerous

7 熟能生巧，勤能补拙

Shúnéngshēngqiǎo, qínnéngbǔzhuō

Practice makes perfect, diligence makes up one's dullness

学如逆水行舟，不进则退

8 Xué rú nishuǐxíngzhōu, bù jìn zé tuì

Studying is like sailing against the current: a boat must forge ahead or it will be swept downstream.