**S1 Table.** **Demography and performance on literacy tests for Chinese children**

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|  | **Typical readers** | **Poor readers** | ***t*** | ***p*** |
| Sample size | 24 | 24 |  |  |
| Age (months) | 123 (11) | 123 (10) | < 1 | n.s. |
| Sex | 13M/11F | 16M/8F | χ2 = 0.78  | n.s. |
| Raven non-verbal intelligence a | 72.08 (14.96) | 71.88 (15.94) | < 1 | n.s. |
| Chinese character recognition test b | 0.67 (0.09) | -1.74 (0.49) | 18.04 | **< 0.001** |
| Chinese comprehension test b | 0.46 (0.63) | -0.57 (0.60) | 5.76 | **< 0.001** |
| Character reading test b | 12.25 (2.69) | 6.61 (2.98) | 6.82  | **< 0.001** |
| Chinese phonological awareness test b | 44.05 (7.90) | 34.70 (11.38) | 3.19 | **0.003** |
| Digit cancellation test b  | 0.32 (0.16) | -0.39 (0.17) | 3.04 | **0.004** |

a Percentile; b Standard scores;