

Chinese Cultural Experience Week at Providence School in Dothan City

From April 10 to 12, the Confucius Institute at Troy University was invited to Providence School in Dothan city for the Chinese Cultural Experience Week. CIT teachers decorated the spacious hall with traditional Chinese elements and brought to it strong Chinese tone. Two big red Chinese knot were hanged on the wall, which perfectly matched the green fan in the middle with red plum and green bamboo painted on it. Exquisite palace lanterns, "Master Sun's Art of War" bamboo slips, Chinese chess, the brief steps of Chinese goldfish painting and the charts of Chinese culture introduction on pillars and walls filled the entire hall with authentic Chinese atmosphere.

The participants of the first day Chinese cultural experience were the third and fourth grade teachers and students. After they arrived, Ms. Qunying Yuan, CIT teacher at Dothan campus, enthusiastically introduced to them the Chinese cultural ornaments displayed. Then the students were divided into three groups to experience paper cutting, Chinese painting and calligraphy, as well as Chinese knot making. They felt both fresh and curious because this was the first time that they exposed directly to Chinese culture. On this side, Ms. Yuan guided the students in groups of six to make gorgeous big papercutting snowflakes; over there, Ms. Wenjuan Cheng patiently instructed the students to braid exquisite bracelet. Here, Ms. Tang humorously introduced how to use the brush pen to write Chinese characters from one to ten; over there, Mr. Zewan Tang brought several lively goldfish onto the paper with a brush pen and ink. The most eye-catching activity was shuttlecock-kicking played by Mr. Sang. The shuttlecocks flied up and down the green grass, which sparked loud applause from all teachers and students. The flute solo and Chinese fan dancing performance were added to the event on the second day. The lingering melody of "Shepard's Song" attracted all teachers and students. Led by Ms. Zhihong An, CIT teachers performed the Fan Dance against the background music "Loyally Serving the Country" with Taichi fan. Their wonderful performance aroused the enthusiasm of appreciation and participation of everyone.

The event lasted for three days. All students were enthusiastic, showing a strong interest in Chinese culture. The activities of the Chinese Culture Experience Week opened a new window for further promotion of Chinese culture in Dothan city, which was conducive to the continued promotion of Chinese culture in Alabama.



