

## Troy Elementary School Culture Day

On March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018, students from Troy Elementary School came to Troy University for a one-day culture tour. The event was jointly organized by Troy Elementary School and International Arts Center in Troy University. As part of the activity, some teachers led the students to Confucius Institute at Troy University (CIT) for a visit. Ms. Lin Cao, Ms. Rui Zhang and Ms. Wenjuan Cheng from CIT received the students. Students were divided into two groups. Ms. Lin Cao introduced the Chinese traditional costumes, tea ceremony, calligraphy, traditional Chinese painting, musical instruments and other cultural elements in detail. She also showed the students a Lion Dance video clip and conducted interaction with the students. Then she led everyone to draw a panda and cut the three dimensional Chinese character “春” (*chūn*, meaning *spring*). Ms. Rui Zhang and Ms. Wenjuan Cheng offered great help during the visit. The children all learned a couple of simple Chinese words and received the Chinese knot bracelet made by CIT staff. This activity aroused the students’ great interest in learning Chinese culture.

