



Linguat Academy's Fall 2017 School News



The Month of November 2017

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Celebrations/Events

➤ Dec 15, 2017 Student Showcase

Students will have an opportunity to show off what they have learned while being part of Linguat Academy's After School Enrichment Program. **All are invited to attend!**

Important Events & Reminders

➤ Dec 15 Last Day Of Linguat's Fall After School Enrichment Program

Registration for the Spring **After School Enrichment Program** is **OPEN & will close on 12/22/2017**; space is limited.

Our Learning

Mandarin: Our students are showing improved test scores on their bi-monthly Chinese writing & vocabulary tests. For the younger group (first and second grade), not only did we monitor and review their Chinese vocabulary writing practice, we also utilized the whiteboard to play word matching games and review weekly reading lessons via the Quizlet program. For the older group (third and fourth grade), in addition to their Chinese vocabulary writing practices, we assisted them on writing Chinese sentences using the vocabulary words of the week. We also reviewed the correct pronunciation of assigned student reading passages to help build their confidence levels before they recorded their own readings. It is a great delight to see how they are improving.

Math: It is our aim to make sure each student stays focused during their math homework, a challenge we have observed with students at all grade levels. The first and second grade students are working on using number bond and other modeling techniques to improve their numerical skills in addition and subtraction. They are also applying literacy techniques towards understanding word problems and being able



Our Learning

Math Cont'd: to think through and solve the problems with some or no scaffolding. The third and fourth graders are working on learning and improving their understanding of multiplication and division while being able to identify and explain the application of the commutative and identity property of multiplication. As with all math practice, practice, practice is reiterated. Changing their mindset about math is truly half the battle.

Sometimes frustrations do occur, however, we work diligently to review and provide intervention and emotional support when extra help is need. We encourage our students to never give up and we can observe clear improvement overall!

Cultural Experiences/Art: We started a new cultural theme "Color in Culture" and provided various coloring projects for students such as drawings of dragons, pandas, and other animals. We also held discussions of the significance and meaning of certain colors in American and Chinese culture, such as red in Chinese culture being a sign of happiness, prosperity and good luck whereas in American culture it can be a symbol of danger, love and passion. Additionally, we have been practicing various Chinese rhymes and songs. Often students will get opportunities to lead the group in creative expressions of song and dance. For Thanksgiving, we gave them the option to make a dragon or a turkey, they chose to make a turkey. Another fun activity that we have been working on is practicing using chopsticks to pick up rice and marbles. Although this activity was an instant hit with the boys our girls struggled somewhat, we will need more practice overall. Speaking of practice, our students are showing tremendous improvement with our ping pong drill exercise. It is a wonderful hand/eye exercise, especially a good alternative to iPad games.

Science: We had lots of fun in Science. We learned about how rain clouds form and replicated the physical attributes in a jar. We also had some fun in the dark where we learned more about oil and water with the help of neon paint and UV backlight. The students had a great time exploring the physics of magnetism; they learned that there is great power in the force. 😊





