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SHARING CHINESE CULTURE
THROUGH CIWA’S CONFUCIUS CLASSROOMS
Sharing Chinese Culture Through CIWA’s Confucius Classrooms

This book features three Confucius Classrooms sponsored by the Confucius Institute of the State of Washington (CIWA). All three officially opened during CIWA’s 6th Anniversary Celebration, in April 2016.

Happy Valley Elementary School in Bellingham School District welcomed its first visiting teacher from sister school Xiejiawan Primary School in Chongqing, China, during the 2014-2015 school term and welcomed new teachers each year since. In fall 2017, the school hosted “Confucius Institute Day” with select performers and student presentations.

Skyline High School in Sammamish School District gives students and community members unprecedented access to Chinese language studies, cultural events and friendship-building opportunities with Chinese students and teachers. Their sister school in Chongqing is Yubei Secondary School.

Chief Sealth International High School in Seattle School District has hosted the Confucius Institute Education Center since 2010, but became a Confucius Classroom in its own right in 2016. The school continues to engage students and community in Chinese language and culture. It is a hub of activity and example of an enduring commitment to share and develop Chinese literacy and to nurture global citizenship and leadership. Chief Sealth’s sister school in Chongqing is Nankai Secondary School.
Unveiling at CIWA 6th Anniversary Celebration officially opened Happy Valley Confucius Classroom, Bellingham School District.
Using Kung Fu characters, visiting teacher at Happy Valley Wan Liu introduces 2nd grade students to Chinese culture and language.
Classroom games further reinforce Mr. Liu’s instruction.
This visiting teacher has a wonderful rapport with K-5 elementary students.
In the 1st grade class, Mr. Liu teaches Kung Fu moves of 5 different animals.
Skyline High School, Sammamish School District, opened its Confucius Classroom with this unveiling.
Guided by their Chinese teacher, Zoe Jiang, Skyline High School students make shadow puppets in their Confucius Classroom.
Skyline students practice their shadow puppet show for fellow students to enjoy.
Chief Sealth International High School, Seattle School District, opened its Confucius Classroom with this unveiling.
With their Chinese teacher Yea-Jae Wang, students at Chief Sealth International High School enjoy learning Chinese tea traditions.
TEA MAKING PROCEDURE:

The first step: set up tea sets

The second step: Raising the temperature of the tea sets with boiling water, and at the same time, the purpose of disinfection is achieved.

The third step: take half of the Little Orange Pu’er tea, and then add some palace Pu’er.

The fourth step: wake up the tea once, then smell the fragrance.

The fifth step: add some boiling water, making tea for 10-15 seconds.

The sixth step: out of the soup. Pour out the tea soup in the fair cup.

The seventh step: tea division. It is best to fill every cup three times.

The eighth step: smell the aroma of tea.

The ninth step: tasting tea. Pay attention to the posture of the hands, and the men and women are different. A cup of tea should finish in one mouthful.
Visiting teacher from China ZhenZhen Ma assists Chief Sealth students with tea making process.
A guest lecturer from Chongqing demonstrates tea making technique in the Confucius Classroom.
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