Multi-Cultural Celebration Day at Kuentz Elementary

On December 17, 2015, Confucius Institute at UTSA was first invited to attend the Multi-Cultural Celebration Day at Kuentz Elementary and made Chinese culture presentation.

The teachers prepared a variety of Chinese cultural activities according to characteristics of American Elementary students and provided a chance for the students to learn about Chinese culture and language. The presentation classroom was decorated with Large red Chinese knots, elegant traditional costume, fine Chinese paper cutting, monkey king poster, filling with thick Chinese style.

The teacher introduced Chinese paper cutting history, development and use. When the students saw the fine Chinese paper cutting, they all opened their eyes and showed a strong interesting. In the interactive session, the students took a pair of scissors, carefully cut out "Spring", "happiness", "safety", "longevity", Chinese luck words, and were very proud of themselves.
In China, the year of 2016 is monkey year. The teacher told the students story about “the journey to the West”. The monkey king, who has 72 powerful transformations and defeat many monsters on the journey, becomes an idol. When the pupils wore Monkey King masks, as if they became a cute little monkeys.

The promotional activity lasted for 1.5 hours. The pupils had a great passion for Chinese culture and learned some commonly Chinese characters and oral language. The pupils hope that they have more chance to know about China.