

Volunteers: Joyce* Libby Phoebe Debra

Students: Yoko, Hyunju, Xi lin and Jing

Joyce's Notes:

Today we covered the second half of the article about the Olympics. Our students are quite interested in the Olympics - maybe because it is held in their part of the world. Hyunju Wi, Xi Lin, Jing and Yoko were there. We talked a lot about the events because they want to know more about them. Phoebe has done curling and they had dozens of questions about it for her. We took turns reading the paragraphs and they could choose to either listen (listening skills) or read along. Most listened and then they were asked what they remember from what was read.

We then played a game of Charades using the nouns that named the various winter Olympic sports named in the article. There was a lot of laughter with the game. Then we used the same words to play Taboo (Hyunju's idea). (Repetition of vocabulary words)

During the break Xi Lin was telling us about a large Chinese community that she belongs to that is having a stage show this Saturday night at Marshall Middle School. She is one of the dancers and so is Rainbow. She showed us pictures of their beautiful dresses and videos of them dancing - beautiful. They imported some of the leads for the show from China. Tickets need to be prepaid and cost \$25 a ticket. It is \$10 extra for dinner, if you want it. (It will be performed in Mandarin Chinese.)

After the break I invited them to the Pancake Supper and talked a little about Lent in Christianity. I also invited them to the ESL focus group that we are having Feb. 27. They thought that they knew people they could invite. The Chinese students said that they know many housewives who speak English but not very well, who might like to learn better English. Yoko said that her husband is on the board of the Japanese School, who now rents Shadyside Academy on Saturdays. It is for Japanese kids who have not lived in Japan. Hyunju said that the Korean School is in the Korean church. The Korean government subsidizes it.

The Chinese students said they don't use the Chinese church for anything. I am not sure, but I think they feel they have to belong to the church in order to use their facilities.

I had the close activity and a review that I downloaded from the EEN website but we ran out of time. They all chose to take them home and do them.

While we were packing up, Libby and Phoebe were talking about a Korean restaurant in Washington County called the Iron Pig, I believe. They invited the students to go next Thursday and the three who were still there (XiLin had to leave a few minutes early) all want to go. It is a small place, but I am sure that everyone can come along if they want to. They said that it takes about 30 minutes to drive there.