

Fairy Tales and Nursery Rhymes

Fun with Dumplings! 3/3/2007

Yeh Shen: The Chinese Cinderella

Yeh-Shen is an young girl who grows up oppressed by her stepmother. Her only friend was a beautiful fish, but it was captured by the stepmother. A mysterious stranger told Yeh-Shen to keep the bones of the fish, and when she was in serious need, she could ask them for help. One day, Yeh-Shen wanted to go to the spring festival. Her stepmother would not allow her to go, so she asked the fish bones for help. She found herself dressed in a beautiful gown. The bones made her promise not to lose her shoes. She went to the ball, but when she heard one of her stepsisters say that she looked like Yeh-Shen, she ran off, losing one of her shoes. Her clothes turned to rags. The lost slipper ended up in the hands of the king, who was determined to find its owner. He placed it in a pavillion and Yeh-Shen came in the dead of night to reclaim her shoe. The king followed her home and asked her to try on the golden slippers. When she did, her dress transformed again, and he asked her to marry him.



The Frog Rhyme

Yi zhi qing wa yi zhang zui
Liang zhi yan jing si tiao tui
Pu tong yi sheng tiao xia shui
Qing wa bu he shui
Zhen qi guai!

One frog has one mouth
Two eyes four legs
Plomp! Jumps in the water
Frogs don't drink water
How strange!

SiMaGuang's Famous Story

One day, a group of children were playing hide n' seek. One of the boys fell into a large vat of water. He couldn't swim or get out. No one knew what to do or how to save him. SiMaGuang, in a moment of quick wits, took a large rock and broke the vat, letting the water run out and saving his little friend who climbed out after the water all escaped!



Schedule for Today:

10:30-10:50 Decorate your animal masks!
10:50-11:05 Nursery Rhymes
11:05-11:20 SiMaGuang Story
11:20-11:35 Cinderella Story
11:35-11:50 Puppets
11:50-12:00 Closing Game and Snack!