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Feedback :

Michael Walson's journal at De Guang English Camp

Drama

Drama was a challenging activity for the students as they were not only supposed to act on the stage in front of all of us but they were asked to change one-third of the script.

For my class, we choose to perform the play "the small house", it's a comedy where a big family lives in a small house and they are trying various tricks to get a big house.

Since my class was divided into five groups, so firstly I asked them to read the drama loudly one by one and then I asked all the teams to come out with the suggestions about possible changes in the script.

While they were reading the drama, I choose some them with good reading skill to be the actors. So while others were working on the script of the play, I start auditing the actors for the play.

After an hour all the teams were ready with their scripts. I asked them to present their script in the class one by one and while they were doing so, other teams were grading them.

All of the teams were really creative and came out with some really good ideas.

Finally we had one winner. They were chosen to be the script writer and they wrote the dialogues for the changes they had made in the story.

Preparing for the show time was fun as we were having limited time and it was really hard to remember the dialogues.

All the classes were well prepared for the show time and judges had a hard time choosing the winner.

Even though my class failed to win the drama competition, they won my heart by their awesome performance.

News reporting and TV commercial

When I declare about this activity to class, none of them seems to be enthusiastic about it and even I was expecting it to be a boring affair. But for my and everybody's surprise, students made it one the best activity of the camp using their imagination and creativeness.

Among the five groups in my class, four of them decide to do the national, international, sports and weather news and the fifth team decides to come up with commercial.

I choose Genius and Jessie to be the news readers, as they were the best speakers in the class.

The weather news team turns out to be really creative when for showing

the world weather news; they formed a globe on the stage. When all the classes compete at show time, again this was a very close contest as there was just one point difference between the winners and runners-up.

Halloween and lantern making

I started this activity by trying to tell them about Halloween but no body was interested. All of them were eager to show their lantern making talent, with knife on one hand and watermelon on other.

So, as soon as I finished with my story, they could be seen working hard to make the best lantern. Every team was supposed to present their lantern in front of class, explain it to the class and most important, they were also supposed to tell a ghost story to all of us.

The team which won this competition was really creative and their story deserves a place in this journal. They made a lantern with funny and smiling face but there was a knife dig into its head. They named it Mr. Talkative. They said that Mr. Talkative is a guy with strong sense of humor and popular among friends. Some people in his friend circle are jealous of his popularity and one of those jealous friends digs this knife into his head to kill him. For everybody's surprise, Mr. Talkative didn't die but he was still smiling and he said, "You can't kill me because I am not a human being but a ghost".