

Breaking Barriers in Beijing Through Art and Music



This year during Spring Break, Mrs. Moseley and Mr. Sprengel travelled to China for an exciting educational opportunity. While in Beijing, they spent an entire day at Hei Zhi Ma Hutong Elementary School. While visiting the school, Mrs. Moseley observed two music lessons, while Mr. Sprengel observed two art lessons. After observing the way Chinese teachers instruct their students, Mrs. Moseley and Mr. Sprengel each taught a lesson.

In the very modern and acoustically remarkable music room, Mrs. Moseley taught a class of fourth graders a lesson on Rondo form, a pattern in music where the 'A' section repeats after each additional part.



Meanwhile, in the quite beautiful and well-designed art room, Mr. Sprengel guided fourth grade students in a math-connected art lesson on radial symmetry and plotting points on a coordinate plane to create a design. The students in both lessons were very receptive to their visiting American guest teachers, and the end results of both lessons were exceptional!



Following a delicious school lunch, Mrs. Moseley and Mr. Sprengel observed an engaging fifth grade math lesson and a charming third grade English lesson. Needless to say, it was an exciting day for our intrepid music and art specialists, and they have returned from China with exciting new ideas to implement in their classrooms.