Last Week

Our last week was busy. This is a photo of my class in our classroom. We did what we called microteaching. The teachers were to present to the class a short lesson from their own textbooks with methodology improvements to demonstrate something that they had recently learned to make their English classes more interesting and effective.

Sunday morning our Chinese staff took us to the Yan Chun restaurant for breakfast. It was in their new building, with their old building closed for repairs. Jessie took a photo of me to show that I could handle noodles with chopsticks. Adele is to my left.

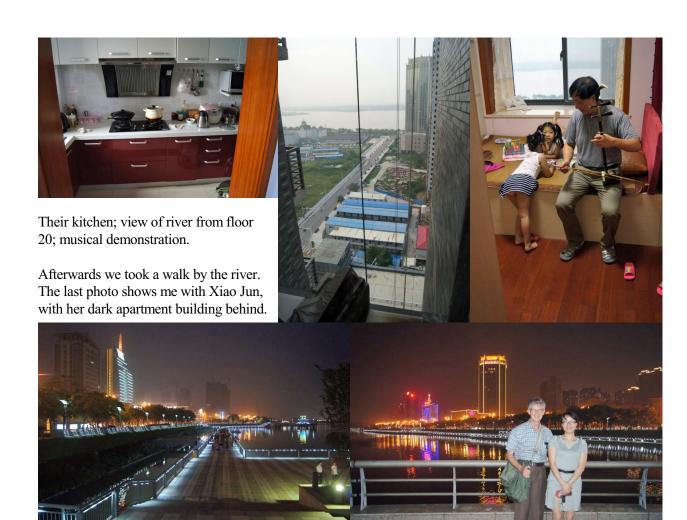


Monday evening we went to the apartment of our assistant site director, Jessie (Xiao Jun, left in first photo), and had a light dinner with her extended family, including

her 4-year old daughter, Mia, and a friend from childhood and her daughter. We practiced making







Tuesday noon my class took me to the Picasso restaurant for lunch. Its huge buffet selection was too big even for several photos. Most of my class are in this photo enjoying their fellowship and food.



During the third week our class presented for the entire group the story of the White Serpent, a love story of long ago in our Zhenjiang city. On Thursday morning after another Yan Chun breakfast, four

中龙洞 宋朝<<高僧传>>载 此洞内原有白蟒 吐毒气如烟藻 人过则亡。唐高僧灵坦入洞参禅 大蟒归海而去。 民间传说由此可通杭州西湖断桥。

White serpent Cave
According to Chinese Buddhist Chasic The Biographies of Eminent Monks (Song Dynasty) "The cave was once the dernicile of a white serpent who blew out noxicus for that would poison to deathaany passerby in Tang Dynasty a prominent Buddhist Monk named Ling Tan entered the cave for meditation of Zen and the serpent fled to the sea"

Legend has it that the cave leads directly to the Broken Bridge of

teachers took me to the park across the street where the story was commemorated, including a cave and statue of the white and green serpents who had appeared as people.

West Lake. Hang Zhou



I also show a view towards the city from the hilltop in that park, with a branch of the wide Yangtze River.

The graduation ceremony was in late morning on Thursday. This is the photo of all teachers and staff, except for Adele who was taking all of the photos with my camera.







Then the education authorities thanked us with a large lunch.

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