

Chinese New Year Celebration

欢庆新年

Division 4



Skit - Chinese Superstitions

Many believe that superstitious beliefs originated during the earliest days of humanity. Faced with natural phenomena like thunderstorms and earthquakes, as well as the unpredictability of illness and food supply, human beings attempted to create an understandable world of powers that could be influenced by action.

(from right to left) Audrey, Elliott, Wesley, and Nolan demonstrate their understanding of seven different superstitions through this four-minute skit. Enjoy!





Chinese New Year Taboos Mentioned in This Video

- 1. Do not brew or take herbal medicines on the first day of the Chinese New Year. Otherwise, it is believed he or she will get ill for a whole year.**
- 2. Do not sweep or take out garbage. The act of sweeping is associated with sweeping wealth away.**
- 3. Do not wear black if you visit a friend during the Chinese New Year. It has an ominous characteristic symbolizing death.**
- 4. Do not drop any dumplings intentionally or accidentally during the Chinese New Year. For every dumpling dropped, one extended family member will die.**
- 5. Do not put a mirror in your bedroom or you will see a demon at 12 am in the mirror.**
- 6. Do not give shoes as gifts during the Chinese New Year. In Mandarin Chinese, xie 鞋 (shoes) and xie 邪 (evil) are homophones.**

Shadow Play

Shadow play, also known as shadow puppetry, is an ancient form of storytelling and entertainment which uses flat articulated cut-out figures (shadow puppets) which are held between a source of light and a translucent screen or scrim.

This year, three groups of storytellers from Division 4 not only made their own shadow play theater and puppets from scratch by upcycling cardboard boxes, but also performed three different cultural stories using this traditional art form. Enjoy!



Shadow Play by Ashley, Kai, Jamie, Lucas, Tristan & Isaac

Why are the 12 animals?

Special
Helper:
Sora :)



Shadow Play by Ariana, Calista, Emma & Vivienne

The Great Race Story of the Chinese Zodiac

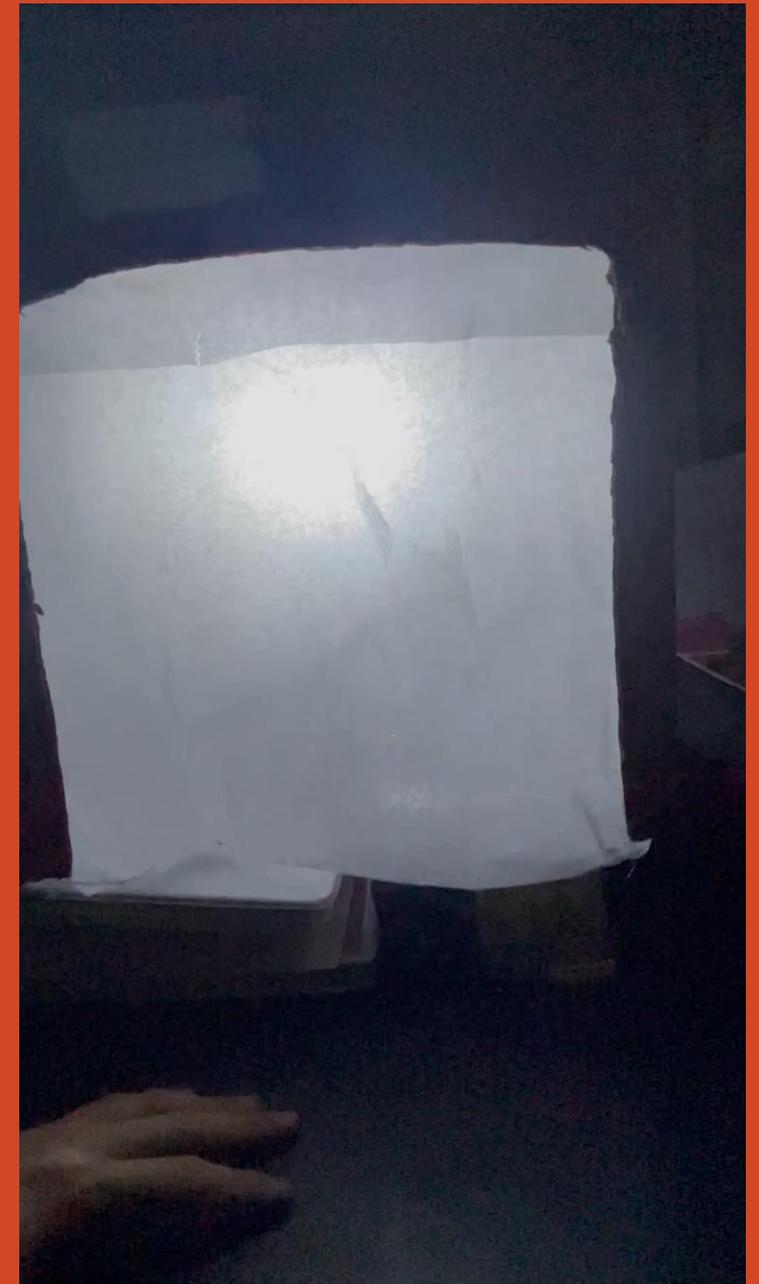
We all miss you
Alyssa:)



Shadow Play by Ava, Isabelle, Reiko, Sarah & Willa

The Story of Nian

Welcome
back
Naomi!



Thanks for Watching
Wishing you health, love, and luck in 2022.