



## CHILDREN CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR WITH TASTE OF FARAWAY CULTURE

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VILLA HILLS – The children at Villa Madonna Montessori are getting worldly. In celebration of the Chinese New Year, the preschool and kindergarten classes were treated to a presentation of Chinese food and culture by Northern Kentucky resident Angela Wong.

Wong, whose family owns Oriental Wok, brought traditional Chinese clothing, relics and rice dishes for the children to enjoy. Wong told the children all about the Chinese calendar – this is the year of the Rooster – and its tradition of naming each year after an animal. Wong, who was born in Hong Kong, taught the children a few Chinese words and shared some history about Chinese culture and gave them some laughs with her mini gong.

Kindergarten teachers Patti Birkett and Gail Dwertman helped the children build two large dragon costumes which were paraded into the classroom before the presentation, symbolizing how children in China bring honor to their families and ward off bad spirits in the coming New Year. The teachers at the Montessori have a different culture curriculum each month, and believe in sharing the knowledge of different cultures to children at young age.

