

Selected Daily Reflections

06/29

It was hectic but fruitful. WHAT A DAY! If all the trainings I have been to were like this one, I could have been a trainer today. Better to be late than never. I am fortunate to be here to learn the necessary knowledge of being a good, all around, Chinese teacher with you all. I am looking forward to the next three weeks.

06/30

WHAT A MAGNIFICENT DAY! I hated theories with a passion. Who would have guessed that only after two days training, I have decided to change my major from IT to SLA when I get back home?

Because of teachers' 深入浅出 methods, it made me believe I could do it, and the most important concept I ACQUIRED in these two days is that 'theories and practices go hand in hand'.

I look back now and realize that I was working in the dark without theory; now I have the confidence to say that I will be a better Chinese teacher because I am going to ACQUIRE enough theories, knowledge and best-practices while I am here.

ACQUIRE=PICK UP how easy that was.

07/01

'背'多久了. I have yet to hear you make a mistake. Once again, I am going to say as soon as I get back; I am going to find an advisor at Columbus State University to get my Master's Degree in SLA (Second Language Acquisition) or something about language to help me become a better Chinese language teacher.

Before I came here I was a very 主观的人, but in these three days your teaching has humbled me. Now I look at ways of teaching a lot more objectively. Even for an old woman like me, there is room to grow. I will take advantage of my being here to learn as much as possible from you.

Over analytical= 钻牛角尖。

Critical thinking= 举一反三。

备书=背书???????????????? I LOVE IT!!!!!!!!!!!!

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