

Day 1: English

The first day I taught Shiwei, my goal was to see where he was at with his English. I learned that he struggled to understand certain simple phrases that I believe are essential for everyday use, such as “What are you doing?”, “where are you going?”, and “how are you feeling?”. I began speaking to him in English and immediately following it with the Chinese translation as a way to get him used to not only hearing the language, but also being able to understand it. When he replied in Chinese, I would repeat his answer back to him in English, and have him repeat it back to me.

The first day in the library, Shiwei read his book aloud to me and Matt, and since I was told that he had a habit of memorizing words instead of understanding what he was reading, I would stop at the end of each page, and we would go over what was happening in the story. I could tell Shiwei had been memorizing certain words because when he got stuck, he would guess random words that he already knew. Despite this, Shiwei was able to go through the alphabet well and he knew the sounds of every letter.

Annie Yang

Day 2: English

I realized that learning how to read was not the most important skill for Shiwei as he is not a native English speaker. Learning how to speak and being able to hold a conversation is more important in Shiwei’s case. I began mainly focusing on teaching him verbally and visually in order to strengthen his communication skills. I did this by using the pictures in the books for an easier way to have him associate English words to their meanings.

Annie Yang, Ray Bai

Day 3: English

This is the first day I, Ray Bai, met Shiwei. Right upon meeting him and watching him be taught by Annie, I was immediately drawn to his cute personality. During the occasions when Annie and Shiwei were not able to understand each other effectively, I was able to step in and lend a helping hand to both of them. As time progressed, was able to get to know Shiwei better. I feel that I was able to build strong bond with the little guy.

Annie Yang, Emily Mao

Day 4: Museum of Science

Activities: Took Shiwei and his dad to the Museum of Science

Expenses: \$80

What we did: Emily and I picked up Shiwei and his dad at Haymarket Station at 9:00 to bring them to the museum. We visited every single exhibit they showed, and Shiwei especially enjoyed the robots and aliens, as we spent a good hour or two in that exhibit alone.

Annie Yang, Emily Mao, Ray Bai

Day 5: Franklin Park Zoo

Activities: Took Shiwei and his dad to the Franklin Park Zoo

Expenses: \$74

What we did: We picked up Shiwei and his dad at Haymarket station at 9:30 and headed over to the zoo! Repeatedly asking ,“我□到了么？我□到了么， ” on the bus ride,

Shiwei was very eager to get there. Once we were in the zoo, Shiwei could not wait to see the gorillas, so we made our way through the park, stopping to see the petting zoo and feed some goats, until we found them. Along the way, we saw tigers, lions, giraffes, snakes, hippos, and even a peacock roaming around free.











