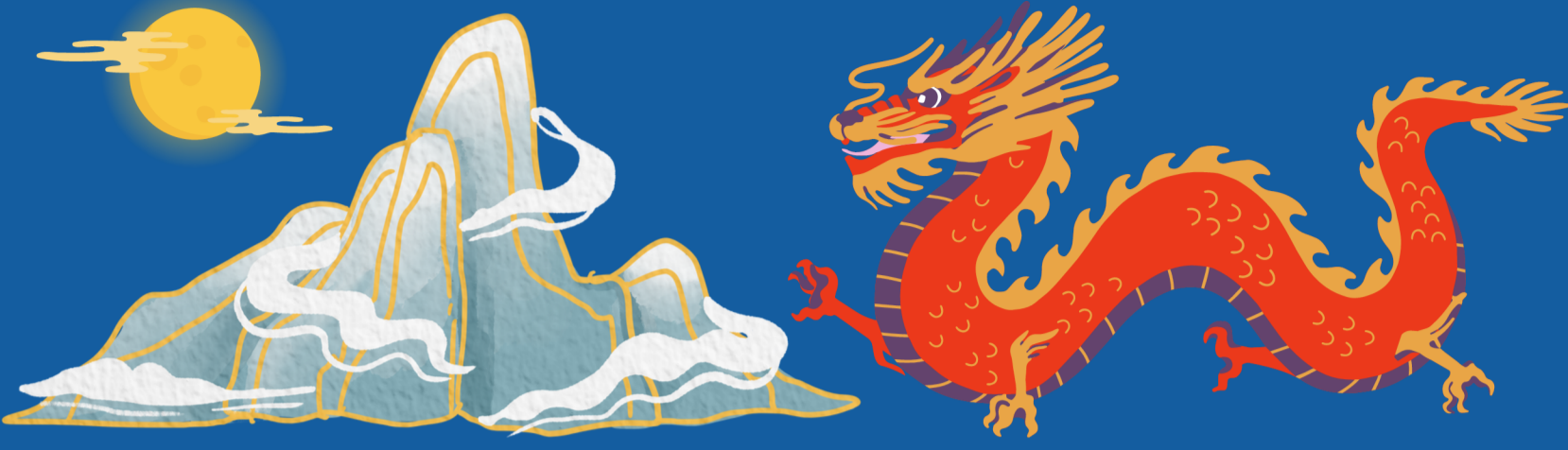


Where the Mountain

Meets the Moon



"Well...That'd be another question to ask the Old Man of the Moon."

In Grade 4, we embarked on an exciting journey to ancient China through our novel study, **Where the Mountain Meets the Moon** by Grace Lin. The students have been captivated by the enchanting story of Minli, a young girl who sets off on an adventure to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of changing her family's fortune.

In this past Quarter, students engaged in various activities that enhanced their self-monitoring strategies and comprehension. They practiced making predictions with clues from the text and their own experience as they uncovered the magical elements of the story, such as the talking fish and the loyal dragon. Visualizing scenes, like Minli's encounters with the different characters on her journey, allowed them to use their imagination to bring the story to life.

One of the highlights of our novel study has been drafting play scripts for different scenes in the book. From the story of Jade Dragon and her four children to the emperor who disguised himself as a beggar asking for peaches, students worked collaboratively to adapt key moments into a play. As students rehearsed their plays, they practiced their acting and public speaking skills. In addition, they also worked on stage directions, learning how to use movement and gestures to enhance their storytelling.

We are thrilled to announce that students will be performing these plays for their classmates soon! Stay tuned for our upcoming performances that will unfold!

