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Week 7 Part 1 Chengdu ---Jin Li



This week was sprinkled with adventure, mixed with surprises and filled with friendship and laughter. Actually, most of the time that's what describes everyday in China for me. But this week was extra special, because I'm in Chengdu!! (成都) What makes this trip even better is that my best friends Anna and Willow (twins) from south Florida were with me too! On the first day at Chengdu, we went to a popular enclosed road called Jin Li. (锦里) It's like a street packed with souvenir shops, tea houses and many little cafés. Although Jin Li is a very traditional Chinese street,

Starbucks sat itself right at the entrance. You take a deep breath as you enter and you smell coffee, deserts, tea and warm bowls of noodle soup. It wiggles through your nose and makes stomachs gurgle! :) The main purpose for us visiting Jin Li is to watch a show of Chinese opera, face changing and even fire breathing!! It was a very traditional and thrilling event. The fact that my friends were enjoying it with me makes it so much more exciting. After the show, my family and Anna and willow's family walked around the winding and twisty road.





During the stroll, I noticed something quite interesting. It was like a drawing, a pretty “sweet” drawing. Because the ink is melted sugar! The artist had a spinner that was labeled with the sign of the 12 zodiac and some other objects as well. You spin the spinner and whatever it lands on the candy artist draws it, not with a paint brush, but a spoon! I was born in the year of the horse, but the spinner landed on the rooster, so that is what I got. After the hot sugar dries, he pokes a stick under the crispy “drawing,” and you... Eat it! 😊 That was the very first time I saw someone draw with melted sugar. It truly was one sweet drawing!

