

Blog 29 My Trip Back Home (Part two)

During our trip, I visited most of my good friends I grew up with. The first thing we all noticed is that we have grown a lot taller. :) So the parents often wanted us to go back to back and see who's taller. Sometimes, I would even go back to back with a parent! One time, we even lined up with all the moms according to our height and took a picture as a record. Next year, we're going to do it again and make a comparison. Us kids have grown SO much that some of us have already grown taller than our moms! I was 3rd tallest in the line and my mom was at the very end being the tallest! I'm very curious about how this line will change over one year.



Like the old days, my friends and I had many sleepovers, watched movies, made a big splash in the pool and shared ice cream at Cold Stone Creamery. One day, several of our friends' families wanted to take us to have a dinner out. When they asked us where we wanted to eat at, we replied "Sweet Tomatoes" without any hesitation. They were so surprised to hear that and couldn't believe that's the place we missed the most. I used to go there with my friends almost every Friday after dance class! In China, stir fried vegetables are more popular than salads. Besides, my mom was not quite confident with the fresh salads in Nanjing, so she always cooked all the vegetables "well done." I was delighted when I saw a whole bar of fresh veggies! :) We sat at a long table in the corner and I began scooping spoonfuls of my favorite macaroni and cheese and warm chicken noodle soup while sharing much laughter and cherished memories.

In addition to the friends I grew up with, I also had dinner with Marge Ketter at Applebees! Marge has been to China many times before. So we exchanged and shared many intriguing stories from our trips. She motivated me to share my experiences with my friends in the U.S. and offered me the opportunity to post my blogs on the USCPFA website. Knowing that many of my friends are following my blogs makes me feel that I'm not alone in China. :) It encourages me to keep capturing all the special moments of this adventure. Marge has given me much support and shared feedback with me through emails. Thank you Marge and all the USCPFA members.

My three week trip back home was loaded with a year worth of fun!

