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The New Seven Wonders of the World – Part 8 (Kiyomizu Temple in Japan and The Pyramids of Giza in Egypt)

This is part eight in a series of photo journals meant to document the imaginary trip around the world of the students of Wichita Collegiate School’s Early Childhood division. Through physical activity, they are visiting the “New Seven Wonders of the World” and the fourteen remaining finalists.



Kiyomizu Temple, in Japan, is one of the 14 interesting finalists. We learned that emperors and shoguns lived there. Three streams of water from a waterfall run off one of the temple buildings. They signify wisdom, good health, and long life. Drinking from two of the streams is considered lucky, but the people of Japan believe that drinking from all three is greedy, and bad luck will come to that person. We also learned about the Jishu Shrine dedicated to Okuninushi, a god of love. At the shrine, there are two stones that one can walk through with eyes closed. If this is accomplished, even with a helper, then the person will find true love. We did this in PE and also had a chopstick relay using real chopsticks and cotton balls for rice.



Our next visit was to the Pyramids of Giza in Egypt. This site was not really eligible for the 2007 vote because it is the only remaining ancient wonder of the world. Because of this, it was given the title of “honorary” new seven wonder of the world. The pyramids are truly remarkable. We learned that special people like pharaohs were entombed there. How the pyramids were constructed is certainly a mystery. There are theories that the huge stones were moved through a process of rolling them on cylinder shaped stones. We did a fun, cooperative activity that let us move our own stones through the rolling method and build our own pyramid.



Coming Soon: Part 9 of our world travels.