



Western Washington University cast members and author, Rosanna Porter.

## WWU Students bring award-winning book to life Sunnyland students enjoy performance

Author Rosanna Porter tells the story of her award-winning book, "Tofu Ling and the Carp Banner" with her puppet, Dragon, while Western Washington University students in Dr. Gaye Green's class, Integrated Arts for Elementary Educators, performed for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders at Sunnyland Elementary School on Tuesday, December 6. The production was part of a program that combines visual art, theater, dance, music, and literary

works.

"It was better than a Mt. Baker theater performance I saw recently," said 2nd grader Amy.

Rosanna Porter told the story as the Western Washington students pantomimed the story. During scene changes, the students sang in Japanese the Koinobori song that describes the carp banners on Tango No Sekku Festival flying in the breeze. The students who were "water" made waves as the

"fish" swam up the stream.

There was a lot of action as the students did Taekwondo sparring to imitate the tournament that took place in the story. The university students kept their audience mesmerized as the story unfolded and of course, Dragon was up to his usual naughtiness.

Tofu Ling and the Carp Banner won the 2009 Moonbeam Children book award.











