A family celebration

Birthday party

I am going to describe my son’s birthday party when he was two-years old. My wife and I wanted to hold a wonderful and unforgettable birthday party for him, so we made a great effort to prepare it. We chose the phoenix mountain, which has a very great view since most part of Chengdu is flat ground. I still remember, in the morning, we had to use our pram to the carry all of the stuffs to the top of the mountain. We settled down at a large lawn. First we put up those colorful ‘Happy Birthday’ shaped balloons, which we had inflated with our son. There were about thirty people. We invited some friends of my son. And some of my best friends also came to the party with their children. We hired a clown. Our clown was not scary; he was very cheerful, fun and silly. At the reception, he performed balloon twisting for every coming child, and all the kids and parents enjoyed his hysterical stunts and jokes. Then my wife and I made a simple speech to thank all the people, and my son also said ‘Thank you for coming my birthday party’ by himself although he was very shy. My wife also prepared some interesting games for children. I still remembered a simple but interesting one. All the small kids found their mothers wearing the same masks at last. All the delicious food were prepared by ourselves. Parent had braised foods which we called “lucai” China, and spring roll. Children liked the big cake without trans fat. Whipping cream and butter we used were all made from animal fat. The gradients we used to cook the braised food were natural spice. The preparation we did with my son, the healthy food, the wonderful entrainment of clown and games made it a special party. We all had fantastic time. And also it was my son’s first birthday part, and I think it gave him a meaningful experience. ----- that probably what made the day so memorable to me.