课后作业：

A Possible Version of the writing task during the class:

Have you ever thought of visiting Fragrant Hills Park? Also called Xiangshan Park, it is situated in the northwest of Beijing city, about 20 kilometers away from downtown. With an area of 1,600,000 square meters, Fragrant Hills Park is famous for its imperial garden style and abundance of precious cultural and historical relics.

Many people are curious about the name of the hills. Ideas about how Fragrant Hill was named vary from the fresh air in the hill to the smell of flowers in the breeze. The most well-known concerns a big stone on its peak, which looks like an incense burner from a distance. Especially during the morning or twilight, the stone is covered in mist and cloud. It looks as if the mist and cloud curl up from the incense burner. So the hill is named Xianglushan Hill and shortened for Xiangshan Hill (Fragrant Hill).

As a park with a long history, Fragrant Hills Park is home to a great variety of historical and cultural relics, such as unique temples, royal palaces, south-style yards and revolutionary memorials. If you plan to visit Beijing, the Fragrant Hills Park is a must-visit place. The attraction that arouses the greatest appreciation in the park is the red leave. The red leaves of Common Smoketree are one of the most spectacular views in Beijing. When you visit the park in autumn, you will be rewarded with a splendid sight of red leaves covering a range of hills.

If you are lucky enough to pay a visit to Fragrant Hills Park, don’t forget to pick up a red leave and make it a bookmark. It will remind you of your fantastic experience in this picturesque park.

A Possible Version of the homework:

Beihai Park

Have you ever thought of visiting Beihai Park? With the Forbidden City and Jingshan Park to its east, Zhongnanhai (Central and Southern Seas) to its south, Beihai Park, also known as Northern Sea Park, is one of the oldest, largest and best-preserved ancient imperial gardens in China located in center of Beijing.

The building of Beihai Park concerns a traditional Chinese legend. The story is that once upon a time there were three magic mountains called 'Penglai', 'Yingzhou' and 'Fangzhang' located to the east of Bohai Bay (to the east of China). Gods in those mountains had a kind of herbal medicine which would help humans gain immortality. So almost every emperor would build a royal garden with one-pool-with-three-hills' layout as a fairyland near his palace.

Beihai Park is home to a great variety of famous and beautiful places you should not miss when touring it. The attraction that arouses the greatest appreciation in the park is Nine-Dragon Screen. It is the only screen having nine huge dragons on both sides. When you take a closer look at it, you will be rewarded with the sight of a surprising total of 635 dragons in different postures.

If you are lucky enough to visit Baihai Park, don’t forget to have a meal and rest in Fangshan Restaurant located at the northern shore of the lake. The delicious imperial flavor will satisfy both your mouth and mind.