



# Little Dragon Tales

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## Teacher Spotlight: Jessica Surface

I am from upstate New York and have over 15 years experience in early education. I first heard of Quality Schools International in the winter of 2005 and applied for a teaching position for Almaty International Schools in Almaty, Kazakhstan. I was hired in 2006 for lead teacher for the 3 and 4 year old program and spent four years in Almaty.

During my four years in Kazakhstan I met my husband and had two children. My daughter is 2 years old and my son is 9 months. Last year, I chose to stay home and focus on raising my two small children.

I believe it is important for parents and teachers to work together in order to create a successful and happy child.



## Upcoming Events:

Nov 14-15 Teacher PD - NO SCHOOL

11月14-15日 老师培训日 一不用上学

Nov 25 Fantastic Friday at ECC  
Parents are invited to attend!!!

11月25日 一快乐星期五, 邀请家长们参加

Dec 7 Winter Concert at  
Fenghua Theater at 10AM

12月7日 冬季音乐会 地点: 风华剧院  
时间: 上午10点

## 2 Year Old Pandas

This week was full of celebrations.

After celebrating with **C**ostumes and the fall festival we moved on to the letter '**C**' and celebrating birthdays with decorating **C**akes, **C**ooking **C**upcakes, and blowing out **C**andles.

We are working hard on taking off and putting on our socks and shoes, washing and drying our own hands, and verbalizing when we need to go potty. We are getting so much better at saying please and thank you to our friends and teachers.



## 3 Year Old Rabbits

We've just proven the saying: "The way to a child's mind is through the tummy." The children had a blast pretending to be "mommy." We practiced making patterns out of our fruit kebab; we counted fruits and vegetables; we practiced practical skills like washing, cutting, and spreading and of course, shopping. The trip across the street was sure fun, too. We went around iFresh; checked and identified their healthy and not-so-healthy foods they have there.

For Letter E and number 4, we made our Eagle's 4 Eggs with our hands and foot prints; we cut and counted 4 eggs. The children learned the sounds of letter E, counted, and practiced their cutting skills. The kids had fun giggling when their teachers tickled and painted their feet. Eeeeeee!!!



## 4 Year Old Tigers

The 4 year olds have been having lots of fun! We are currently learning about our neighborhoods for Language Arts. The children are learning about what is in their neighborhood; places like school, the hospital, the police station, the fire station, shops, grocery stores, parks, houses and apartments. We have also talked about how we get around our neighborhood, stopping at the stoplight if we are in a car and looking both ways when we cross the street when we are walking. We have been doing fun crafts and activities to help them learn the vocabulary to go with this unit. Many children have made "pretend neighborhoods" for fun creative play with cars and people. We have also been singing songs like "Wheels on the Bus", and "Going on a Bear Hunt" to reinforce the concept of getting around where we live. Knowing about the different places and things in the neighborhood will help the children when we learn about community helpers in our next unit. Please make sure to check out the bulletin boards in the hallways and classrooms that show our neighborhood!

