

QSI Shekou Lower Elementary Dragon Prints

How assessment helps drive instruction

Every year the beginning of school is a time for many changes. Students are excited to see old friends and meet new ones. Teachers put new ideas into practice as they get classrooms ready for students, and parents breathe a sigh of relief as the summer holidays end.

One task that also happens in September is evaluating your children to monitor their progress with reading, writing and mathematics. At the Lower Elementary we use the Diagnostic Reading Assessment to measure how accurately and fluently your child reads. The assessment, called the DRA2, also measures how well your child comprehends what they read. This test helps teachers pinpoint what books will challenge your child, and what skills still need more work in class before the child masters it.

Reading levels are often reported as a single score, but there is more to a reading level than just a number. Ask your child's teacher what skills he or she needs to work on. Can your child retell what happened in the book they just read? Can they make a prediction about what comes next? Do they link information from the text to important events in their lives or in the world? These are some of the questions answered by measuring your child's progress frequently. We encourage you to ask questions about assessments and partner with teachers to support your child's learning as they climb the ladder of these skills.

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Upcoming Dates:

- ☺ International Brunch—Sept. 24th 11am-1pm at Main Campus
- ☺ Celebration Assembly—Sept. 30th at LE Library 8:30am
- ☺ Chinese National Holiday—October 2-7 NO SCHOOL

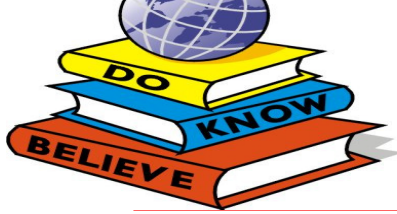


Please Join Us!

Lower Elementary Responsibility Assembly

Thursday, September 22nd 8:30-9:30am in the Library

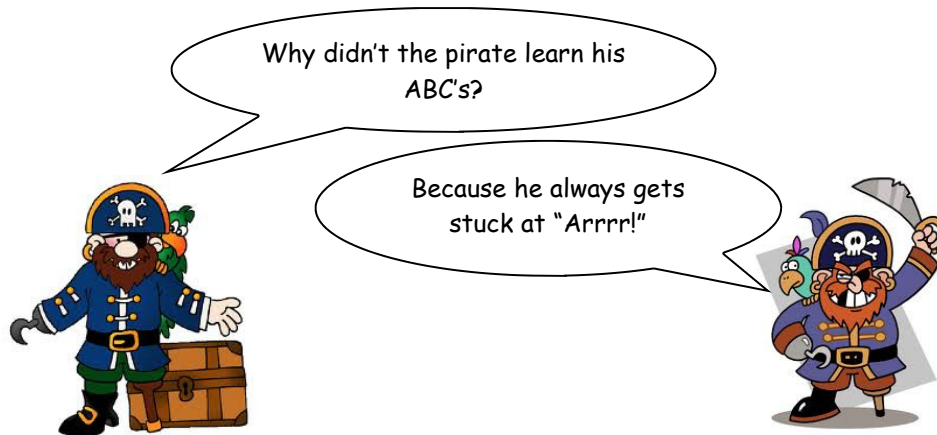
Our 5's and 6's will be celebrating their outstanding achievements in demonstrating Responsibility beginning at 8:30. The 7's and 8's will celebrate their assembly from 9:00-9:30am. Parents are encouraged to join us for either assembly as we celebrate our Success Orientations!



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Ahoy Matey! Small pirates invade Lower Elementary!

On Monday, September 19th, the 7 year-old class celebrated International Pirate day by dressing up and doing themed pirate reading, writing and mathematics in the morning. These fearsome learners read pirate stories, spelled nautical words and told pirate jokes like this one:



Captain Paugh celebrated Pirate Day with a song for the 7 year-olds



Join Our Parent Support Group!

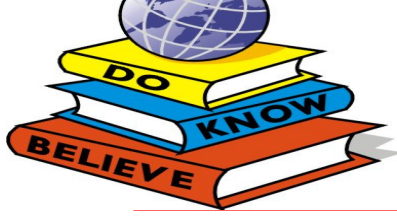
Are you looking for ways to volunteer at your child's school? Connect with other parents? Share your passion and expertise?

Consider joining our PSG! This group meets after Coffee with Mr. Page in the Main Campus.

Contact Peggy Morrison for more information at:

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International Brunch

Saturday, 24 September 2011

11am to 1:30pm

Main Campus

Taste of the World!

International Brunch is one of QSI Shekou's most popular events. Parents, children, faculty and community members gather in the Main Campus to share food from their native countries in a large, potluck-style brunch.

Please bring a dish from your native country that will feed at least 10 people, as well as serving spoons. Guests are also encouraged to dress in clothing from their native countries. Drinks as well as plates will be provided by Uni Group.