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SUCCESS FOR ALL



Lower Elementary Dragon Prints

Changes For School Lunch Program

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Dear Parents,

Beginning January 30th, our school lunch provider, Aulon Ltd, implemented changes based on parent feedback regarding the school lunch menu offerings. Instead of a choice of Western or Asian cuisine, students are served a rotating selection of international items. This change will expose children to the rich and varied foods in the representative nations of our diverse community.

Aulon Ltd wants your and your child's feedback regarding the lunch program. Please follow [this link](#) to take a brief survey regarding the lunch selections. Additionally, your child can play the "Lunchtime Survivor Game," a rating system where students can vote for lunches they enjoy, or vote out choices they didn't like. This game is available on our [school Moodle site](#). If you wish to play from home, please contact your child's teacher for their username and password.

Best Regards,
Cliff Geis-Poage

Upcoming Events

- ERB WrAP Writing Test— February 13-18th
- 100th Day of School! - Thursday, Feb. 23
- Status Reports sent home— Friday, February 24th
- Success Orientation Assembly— Wednesday, February 23rd
- Dr. Seuss' Birthday— Friday, March 2nd

Curriculum Connection

Our **Fabulous 5's** have been busy testing their growth in Reading. Many of our students have already begun to read books with repetitive, high-frequency words. Great Job 5 year-old readers! They are also busy practicing **Asking Questions** as readers.

The **6 year-olds** are in the middle of their unit on **Writing Friendly Letters**. Pen pals in other age levels as well as friends in other campuses have received lots of mail as the 6's have been busy practicing the format and content of letters. They are also looking forward to their study of **Ancient Egyptian civilization**. Stay tuned for students mummy making!

The **Super 7's** took a field trip to the **Xiaomeisha Aquarium** on Friday the 3rd as part of their study of **aquatic plants and animals**. Look for killer whales to soon be swimming the halls of the LE! The 7's also celebrated Groundhog's Day with a study of shadows and geometric groundhogs.

The **8's** have been hard at work preparing for the upcoming **ERB WrAP test**. They have also begun their unit on **Viking civilization** and Norse mythology. Students are examining Viking writing and transportation. The 8's have almost all mastered their **multiplication facts** as well!



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Love and Logic Magic For Early Childhood

Next Class is February 9, 2012 @ 8:45 am

Contact Sarah W. Kenealy with questions at: sarah-kenealy@shk.qsi

Feeling Sick? When To Stay Home* From School

- Recommendations from www.parenting.com

- Nausea or chills
- Diarrhea twice or more often in the past 12 hours
- Fever of 37.5° or higher
- Vomiting in the past 12 hours
- Too uncomfortable to participate in class



*The QSI nurse will send symptomatic children home from school



Preparing for the ERB Writing Assessment

QSI uses several standardized assessments to gauge student progress and evaluate the effectiveness of our academic program. This testing begins in the 8 year-old year, and occurs semi-annually through the Secondary. In the fall, 8 year-old students took the MAP test, which measured their progress in Reading, Language Usage and Mathematics.

On February 14th and 15th, 8 year-old students will take the ERB WrAP, a direct measure of writing. Students will be asked to write a narrative piece, completing a story prompt. Students have two sessions to complete the test, which is then sent to the Educational Records Bureau for scoring. Scores typically arrive at QSI in late May.

The ERB WrAP is very similar to the process students use in the classroom to write a story or an essay. During the first testing day, they will receive the topic or prompt that they will write about. They are given approximately 60 minutes to develop an idea, brainstorm and write a draft of their essay. On the next testing day students are able to revise and edit their pieces of writing. This polished piece of writing is then sent for scoring by two trained professionals.

We suggest that parents can help support their child's testing by ensuring they get a good night's sleep before and during the testing dates. Eating a healthy breakfast and bringing a healthy snack also helps young writers feel their best and have plenty of energy to devote to the test. If you have more questions about the ERB WrAP test, please contact your child's teacher, or the LE Office to arrange a time to speak with Mr. Geis-Poage