

# QSI SUCCESS FOR ALL



## Lower Elementary Dragon Prints



# Welcome the Year of the Dragon!

Xin Nian Kuai Le! 新年快乐!

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### Upcoming Events

- Chinese New Year Performance— Jan. 19th at Old Shekou Theater
- Chinese New Year Holiday— Jan 23-29th NO SCHOOL
- School resumes Monday, Jan 30th
- Success Orientation Assembly— "Concern For Others" Jan. 31st
  - 5 y.o. Assembly 8:30am
  - 6 y.o. Assembly 9:00am
  - 7&8 y.o. Assembly 9:30am

We would like to invite you to our annual celebration of Chinese New Year. The Lower Elementary students will be performing songs and dances from their Chinese language classes Thursday, January 19th, at 1:30pm. The performance will be held at the Old Shekou Theater. Children and teachers are invited to wear traditional Chinese clothing. Happy New Year!

中国新年文艺表演将于2012年1月19日下午一点半在蛇口影剧院举行。我们诚挚地邀请学生家长前来观看。希望各位老师学生们都可以穿着中国传统服饰，共同欢庆中国新年。提前给大家拜年了！

## LE Celebrates Book Week Jan 9-13th

As children returned from their winter holiday, they were met by a boy who loved bandages, a dinosaur in the back yard, and a camel with a runny nose. Singer, author and writer Courtney Campbell sang funny, educational songs in assemblies for each age level on Monday, January 9th. Students said Ms. Campbell was, "Really funny, she was our favorite assembly so far this year!"

Parents and students also browsed a Book Fair, adding new titles to their home libraries, while teachers led activities throughout the week, including visits to Book Buddies at the Main Campus, a "Read-In" where students read favorite bedtime stories, and an author focus on Patricia Palacco.

We culminated our Book Week with a dress up day where teachers and students came to school dressed as favorite book characters, and a tour of classroom doors, which were decorated like our favorite book covers.

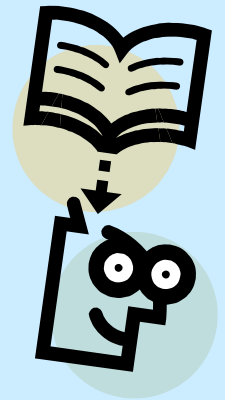


Courtney Campbell performed Jan. 9th

# Creating Enthusiastic Young Readers

Tips for Parents by Reading Specialist Joyce Cockson

- **Become a good role model.** You need to be a reader. Your child needs to see you read for both information and pleasure.
- **Show your child that reading provides specific information** to understand facts (e.g. reading the newspaper or a magazine).
- **Designate a section of your child's bedroom as a reading corner** with bookshelf and books.
- **Have your child design a sign for his/her bedroom door** (e.g. "I'm a good reader"). Your child needs to see him/herself as a successful reader.
- **Read to your child daily.** Set aside a specific time. Encourage discussion and interaction while reading. Alternate the reading with your child (maybe a paragraph, a page). Increase length gradually.
- **Read to younger siblings and encourage your child to join in.**
- **Find a genre or author your child likes** through your read-aloud time and then try to get your child hooked.
- **Find a regular time to visit your school or local library.** Together pick out a "good" book for the next read aloud time.
- **Cooking?** Have your child help with baking by reading the recipe.
- **Taking a trip?** Have your child read the map, brochures, road signs (for motels & restaurants) along the way. Suggest keeping a journal/diary of the trip.

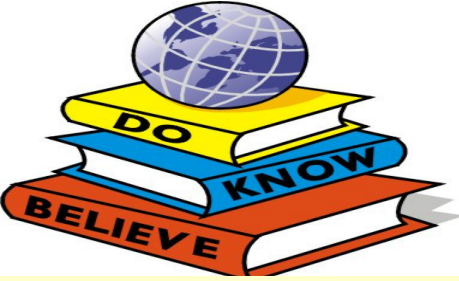


## From the Nurse's Office: Signs and Symptoms of Chicken Pox

Chicken pox is a common childhood illness caused by the vermicelli zoster virus. It can be spread by direct contact or by air (coughing or sneezing). Early symptoms may include achiness, fever and sore throat. A rash will develop (chest, back, face and extremities). The rash may appear to look like "bug bites" which eventually develop into blisters. These blisters will break open and form scabs as the illness progresses.

Chicken pox is contagious, but not dangerous. If your child develops symptoms of chicken pox, contact your doctor regarding treatment. We require your child to stay home from school for **seven days** after the rash appears and/or the sores are dry. Although, there is no cure for chicken pox, it is important to treat your child's symptoms.

Please consult your physician with any questions or concerns. **Your child will need a doctor's note stating she/he is symptom free and able to return to school.**



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# Parenting Book

## Discussion Group

What: Read and discuss the book: *Love and Logic Magic for Early Childhood*

When: 7 classes starting February 2, 2012 @ 8:45 am

Where: Lower Elementary School

For: Parents of children attending ECC & Lower Elm.



Contact: Sarah W. Kenealy for details and to reserve a book  
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