



# QSI

# SUCCESS FOR ALL



## Lower Elementary Dragon Prints

# Xin Nian Kuai Le! 新年快

### Students Celebrate With Spring Festival Performance

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Thursday, January 20th, the Lower Elementary celebrated the coming Spring Festival with a concert at the Old Shekou Theater. Each age level performed songs or dances, and a group of teacher assistants performed a dance. Our students have worked hard in their Chinese Language classes studying customs and traditions as well as practicing their listening and speaking. We would especially like to thank our dedicated Language teachers for all of their hard work in producing the concert: Ms. Amy Zheng, Ms. Candy Yin, Ms. Rachel Gong, Ms. Wendy Wang and Ms. Vanessa Li.

We hope that your family enjoys a prosperous and peaceful year, and celebrates this Spring Festival together with loved ones.

Best Regards,  
Cliff Geis-Poage  
Director of Instruction

### Upcoming Events

- 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
- ERB WrAP Writing Assessment—  
February 13-18th for 8 y.o.

## Showing Concern For Others

Tuesday, January 31st is our Concern for Others Assembly. Parents are encouraged to join us! The following are ways that our students have decided they can show their concern for others at school...

"Helping a friend who fell down."

Give a hug to someone who looks sad."

"Asking my friend if she's okay."

"Giving toys and books to orphaned children."

"Telling my teacher I love her."

"Sharing my snack if somebody forgot theirs."



# Parenting Book

## Discussion Group *Beginning Soon!*

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

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

Contact Sarah W. Kenealy to reserve your book before they're gone!

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## 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. In the coming month, 8 year-old students will take the ERB WrAP, a measure of writing. Students will be asked to write a narrative piece, usually completing a story prompt.

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