



QSI

SUCCESS FOR ALL



Lower Elementary Dragon Prints

Cold Weather Got You Down? Shelby Has a Solution!

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Is today just another ordinary school day? Your mom comes bursting in the door with incredible news. She says, "Snow day, NO SCHOOL!" Bored? Why don't you go outside and make a snowman?

You need one carrot, two rocks, four buttons, one hat, and two sticks. You will also need to be bundled up so you won't get cold. Make sure you wear gloves or mittens, or your hands will get very wet and cold!

Get some snow, and mold it into little balls and put them on the ground. Do this three times. Next, roll them in the snow so that they get bigger. You should make one big one, one medium one, and one small one. Place the medium one on top of the big one, and the smallest one on top of the medium one for the head. Put the sticks on the sides of the medium one to make arms. Put the rocks on the head to look like eyes. Place the carrot in the center of the head for a nose. Put the buttons on next to make a smile. Last, but not least, put the hat on top of the head.

This is how you make a snowman. Why don't you make a snow woman to go along with your snowman? That way your snowman won't be lonely when you go inside to warm up.—Shelby W. Mr. Zandstra's Class

Upcoming Events

- ERB WrAP Writing Test— February 13-18th
- LE Class Pictures— Friday February 17th
- 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

School Lunch Focus Groups

Are you passionate about health and nutrition? Delighted by international cuisine? Want to create change at QSI Shekou? We need Lower Elementary parents to join Mr. Geis-Poage to sample the school lunch and provide feedback on the health and quality of the offerings to our vendor. If you are interested, please contact the LE office at 755-2602-9895.



Candy-grams On Sale!

If you would like to purchase a candy-gram for your child on Valentines Day, Middle School students will be selling them before school at the Lower Elementary on Monday, February 13th.



The candy-gram will be delivered the following day to your child. Candy-grams only cost 5 RMB.



Say Cheese!

Class Pictures are Friday, Feb. 17th!



Individual portraits and retakes will also be available for new students or those that missed October's photo day.

Ordering information for parents will be sent home in your child's backpack.



Science Fair Judges Wanted!



We are looking for parents with a background in science to help judge at QSI's second annual Science Fair for secondary level students. Ideally, we'd like parents of Middle or Elementary age students as judges.

The judging takes place on Thurs., Feb.16 from 4 to 7 p.m. If you are interested please contact Peggy Morrison at peggymorrison123@gmail.com. **Parents of Secondary level students are not eligible to judge.**



Parenting With Love and Logic Tidbits

Recently the Lower Elementary started a book discussion group based on the work of Dr. Charles Fay of the Love and Logic Institute. Their work does not only apply to parenting—Love and Logic have suggestions for teachers and children as well. Below are some Love and Logic suggestions that parents can teach their Lower Elementary aged children to help with their success in school.

By Dr. Charles Fay—Author of Parenting with Love and Logic

In my work with kids and teachers over the years, I've witnessed the many benefits of healthy student-teacher relationships. Establishing a connection between your child and his or her teachers is key to success in school and throughout life. Regardless of a child's scholastic abilities, parents can show him or her how to get along with teachers. Before your kids start school, give them a powerful advantage over other children by teaching them the following practical, easy-to-learn skills:

Tip 1: Smile and say "hello" to your teacher everyday.

Kids who greet their teachers with a smile and a warm "hello" every morning usually have fewer problems with their teachers throughout the day. It is important, however, for parents to help their kids understand it is necessary to not overdo it. Try practicing with your child.

Tip 2: Pay attention to your teacher. While your teacher is talking, look him or her in the eyes, smile, and nod.

Love and Logic parents know that helping their child relate to teachers will increase the child's interest in what is being taught. One parent I know had a daughter who experienced difficulty paying attention in class. After the parent suggested looking at the teacher, smiling, and nodding, she became more engaged in her learning and was better prepared to ask questions about the lessons. Teachers enjoy working with children who are interested in learning. Students who are attentive and "encourage" their teachers during the lesson have an advantage over those who do not. In addition, these children will be more comfortable approaching a teacher with any concerns they may have.

Tip 3: Raise your hand periodically to ask a question about the lesson.

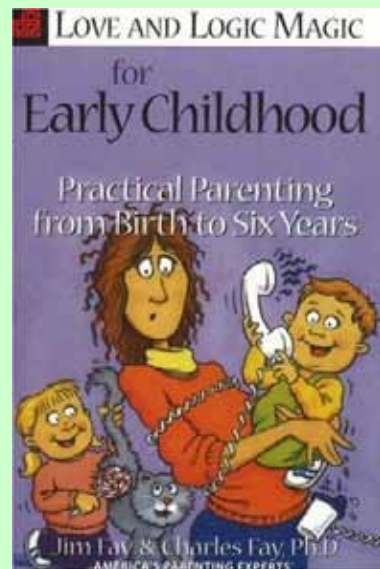
A child who asks questions shows the teacher he or she is paying attention to the lesson being taught.

Tip 4: Say "please" and "thank you."

It is important for parents to model good manners. At the Love and Logic Institute, we've found that children learn much more from our actions than from our words. What we say *in front of* our kids is more important than what we say *to* them. For example, when your child is nearby, you might say to your spouse, "I sure do appreciate all of your help today around the house. Thank you so much."

Don't wait! Start using these Love and Logic techniques and join the thousands of parents who are raising successful, responsible kids.

Questions about our Parenting With Love and Logic Book Discussion Group? Contact Sarah W. Kenealy at sarah-kenealy@shk.qsi.org



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