



November 5, 2010 Letter From the Lower School Principal: Student Portfolio Review

Dear Parents of QISS Students,

Students have been busy working on student portfolios, which are tools to help improve learning. All students have a student portfolio and students are responsible to include work that reflects their learning. For example, a student in Grade 4 included a 'Learning Story' about her key assignment and she was able to tell some profound points regarding why the 'Learning Story' was important. She clearly stated that she could use the information in her 'Learning Story' to continue her learning well into adulthood. That is the power of a student portfolio as a tool to enhance learning at QISS.



Key Assignment presented by Grade 4

Grade 4 presented their second Key Assignment this academic school year. Students were required to demonstrate their understanding of how people learn languages. Each student was required to take a stand and defend their opinion during a debate. The Grade 4 students focused their learning on how we acquire language. Thus, students were developing their thinking about thinking (meta-cognition) strategies for an authentic audience in the school's theater. They all took turns in a respectful and intelligent manner. We cannot wait for their next key assignment for unit 3.



- The first session of after school activities ends on November 12.
- Report Cards will be sent home with students on Friday, November 19.
- Reminder that November 25 is a regular student day to make up for the facility closure in September.

Sincerely,
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