



Qingdao No. 1 International School of Shandong Province

December 2, 2011

Dear Parents of QISS Students,

With the arrival of the cold winter weather, please send a heavy coat, a sweater, scarf, earmuffs, and mittens/gloves with your child. It is important to continue to give students the opportunity to play and socialize outside the classroom during recess time.

It has been a pleasure meeting parents during the key assignments. Students get a genuine and meaningful opportunity to demonstrate their understanding in front of an authentic audience. Performing in front of others helps students gain confidence with public speaking. Recently, I witnessed some students that have been on the quiet side prior to their latest key assignment.



Celia

These normally quiet students took on a courageous, intelligent and active role during their key assignment. Celia was heard clearly and loudly in all her roles, which was a real accomplishment for Celia. She is usually very quiet. Similarly, Jackie, who is new to QISS, confidently presented his lines, which was challenging for him because he was applying his new language of English in front of others. He is usually searching for words.



Jackie

Students from Grades 1-4 are enjoying my after school activity on Tuesdays called Board Games. Some of the games introduced so far are “Candyland,” “Chutes and Ladders,” “Othello” and a card game called “War.” I encourage you to find a familiar game from your home country and begin playing with your child. Games develop social skills, winning strategies, thinking and are simple fun.

Photos during Board Games offered to Grades 1-5



Candyland



Othello



Chutes and Ladders



Chutes and Ladders

Scheduled Events:

- 10 December: Winter Program
- 19 December-January 6: Winter Vacation; No Classes
- 9 January: Students return

Parents are always welcome to visit our classrooms. It is requested that you first contact your child’s teacher and inform the teacher about your interest in visiting QISS.

Sincerely,

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