



# Message from our KIS Counselors

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A fellow teacher of ours loves to bake and is enjoying passing this love of baking on to her kids. They have baked brownies and cookies together, but their favorite thing to bake is chocolate cake. They practice fractions as they carefully measure out the proper amount of each ingredient. But one time they accidentally forgot the baking powder. Everything seemed fine until they put the cake in the oven. They were surprised twenty minutes later as they took the cake out of the oven to find it looked more like a chocolate pancake than a cake!

As a parent, you want your child to have the best school year possible. You have bought new clothes, thought through needed supplies; perhaps you even brought ethnic foods from your home country for your school's International Celebration. You have been diligent in preparing your child for this school year, but have you remembered to prepare your child socially and emotionally?

Quality Schools International does a great job of encouraging students for success in the real world through its Success Orientations (SO's).

The SO's are: Responsibility, Aesthetic Appreciation, Kindness and Politeness, Independent Endeavor, Trustworthiness, Concern for Others, and Group Interaction.

The SO's are not exclusive to elementary aged students but are applicable to all ages and grade levels, including adults. These seven Success Orientations are primary indicators of future success in advanced education, employment, and life in general. Reviewing the SO's with your child will help prepare their hearts and minds for a great school year.

All of these qualities are needed in order to live a successful life. Just like the chocolate "pancake," one missing ingredient can make a huge difference in the result. As we begin a new school year, we encourage you to review the seven SO's as a family and incorporate them into your home as we together strive for a success for all.



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