Ni Hao Meets Hello...

What’s the Scoop in 2nd Grade?
Familiar routines:

- Homeroom teacher is a native-speaking Chinese teacher.
- Daily HW assigned.
  - PM Homeroom from 3:06-3:30 PM
  - AM Homework lab available from 7:45-8:20 AM
- Typically HW is two pages of Chinese and two pages of Math everyday.
New facets and routines of second grade homerooms:

- To build independence
  - There will be no EAs in classrooms
  - Tests will not be read to students
  - Daily folder system utilized; different color for different subjects.
New facets and routines of second grade homerooms:

- To promote student’s literacy and numeracy skills
  - Journal writing
  - Use notebooks for class notes and practice of daily lessons.
- Addition and subtraction to 1000, mental math, introduction to multiplication and division, fractions, clock reading and time intervals, and more.
New facets and routines of second grade homerooms:

- To coordinate instruction between Chinese and English teachers
  - Common planning time for teachers
  - Many of the Social Studies and Science topics will be reinforced in both languages
  - Academic Performances in May share topics
Hello!
Nice to meet you.

Introduction to 2nd grade English
▶ 7 periods of English instruction per week
  ▶ phonics and spelling
  ▶ vocabulary
  ▶ reading comprehension
  ▶ handwriting
  ▶ writing
  ▶ grammar

▶ Reading Street Curriculum serves as the foundation for instruction
What to expect in 2nd Grade English?

▶ **Nightly Homework** in a HW packet that travels between school and home
▶ **Weekly Spelling Quizzes** based on phonics theme of the week
Support tools

- **Lexia** Software program that provides targeted phonics practice at school or at home.

- **Accelerated Reader** Students select books on their reading level, read independently, and take an independent comprehension test on the computer.
Assessments

▶ NWEA testing
  ▶ Spring test in Grade 1 provides baseline for decoding and pre-reading skills

▶ STAR testing
  ▶ Measures a student’s independent reading level
  ▶ Provides opportunity to measure growth up to 5 times per year

▶ Reading Fluency and Sight Word testing
English taught in levels:

Why?
- Provides smaller class size
- Opportunity for differentiated instruction to accommodate initial wide range of reading levels

How?
- STAR
- NWEA
- Reading Fluency
- Teacher recommendation
Be aware of Kindergarten and Grade 1 MN State Standards

- Know basic features of print
- Recognize features of a sentence (first word, capitalization, end marks)
- Recognize and name all upper and lowercase letters of the alphabet and their sounds
- Identify rhyming words
- Know long and short vowel sounds
- Read common high-frequency words by sight (the, of, to, you, etc.)
What’s a parent to do?

- Read at home; visit the library.
- Enrich your child’s vocabulary by talking about the world around you.
- Practice sight words (www.spellingcity.com)
- Stay positive; don’t let your worries become your child’s worries!
- Be your child’s best cheerleader!
What can kids and parents do this summer?

- **Lexia**
  - Username: firstnamelastinitial  ex: kristinn
  - Password: English

- Summer Reading Challenge
- Practice handwriting/printing
- Listen to audio books
- Write postcards
What can kids and parents do this summer?

- Use flashcards to memorize addition and subtraction facts to 20
- Practice counting and writing numbers to 1000
- Practice iChinese Reader
- Do first grade summer break homework
Questions?