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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.

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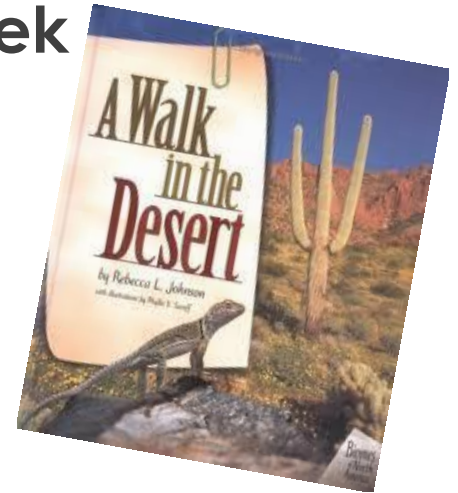
- ▶ **To coordinate instruction between Chinese and English teachers**
 - ▶ Common planning time for teachers
 - ▶ Many of the Social Studies and Science topics will be reinforced in both languages
 - ▶ Academic Performances in May share topics

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

What's a parent to do?



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?

