

What's the Scoop?

"Minute Clinic" Session with Mrs. Berg

Topics	Lower School (Grade 4)	Middle School (5-8)
Number of teachers LS= 5 teachers MS= 8 teachers	*Homeroom teacher does Morning Meeting, PM homeroom, and teaches Chinese, math, science and social studies *Specialists teach English, Music, Art, and PE	Homeroom teacher does Morning Meeting and PM homeroom *Subject specialists teach Chinese, math, science, social studies, English, Music, Art, and PE
Balance of Chinese/English instruction	80/20 *Chinese, math, science, social studies, music are taught in Chinese *English, Art, and PE are taught in English	Goal of 70/30 in G5 *Chinese, math, and music are fully taught in Chinese; over the MS years, social studies is taught 50% in Chinese and 50% in English *English, science, Art, and PE are taught in English
Increased level of independence	*HR teacher walks students from one class/activity to another *Daily recess on playground	*Students walk themselves from class to class *Student Life Activity Period, which allows some choices of activities and clubs outside and inside in Term III
Chinese and Math instruction	Classes organized according to homeroom with differentiated instruction offered within	Classes organized in levels with placement of students according to content mastery, maturity, focus and diligence with homework

Parents, your assignment before school starts in the fall is to watch "a short film about a short time in life; **BEFORE** is a 37 minute documentary short that looks at the penultimate **tween** year through the lens of one 5th grade class on the last day of elementary school. It is a funny, moving and sometimes heartbreaking story about the moment when adolescence begins to eclipse childhood." I encourage you to watch it with your middle school kids, as well, at <https://vimeo.com/120373004> I hope it will provide an opportunity to engage in meaningful conversation that will nourish and strengthen your relationships.

Remember almost anything is possible when we partner together for the sake of our kids! Let us understand and apply the 90/10 secret. What is this secret?

10% of life is made up of what happens to you. 90% of life is decided by how you react.

Mrs. Berg