Dragon Duos

A Pen Pal Program for Yinghua Academy Students

To provide more social connections during online learning, we would like to invite MS students to become penpals with LS students in our new **Dragon Duos Program**. The ultimate goal is relationship building through creative engagement in both Chinese and English!

Interested middle school students will be matched with lower school students to exchange communication including but not limited to letters, emails. online chats, and phone calls.

Current 7th graders could pair up with our current 4th graders to help them in the transition to middle school next year. To follow that progression, 6th grade would be matched with 3rd grade, 5th grade to 2nd grade, and 8th graders with a 1st grader or kindergartner. It is also an option to request a specific student if you have a special preference.

Dragon Duos would be encouraged to write and speak in Chinese as much as possible because you YA students have that unique potential, whereas most parents do not. Of course, you may also use English to develop the relationship.

The relationships and communication will be as unique as each person involved. We hope that the individuals will be excited to share their personality and stories and use some of their free time to bring joy to another student who would like a connection during distance learning.

What to do now:

- 1. Sign up on the google form: <u>Dragon Duo's middle school student sign up</u>
 Dragon Duo's lower school student sign up
- 2. Receive a match.
- 3. Contact your partner (and their parents) and introduce yourself.
- 4. Have a great time building your relationship; think of this as another variation of the very popular Big Sibs/Little Sibs events that DLO sponsors!
- 5. Feel rewarded for making a difference in a younger Dragon's life!