Ni Hao Meets Hello...

What's the Scoop in 2\textsuperscript{nd} Grade?
Familiar routines:

- Homeroom teacher is a native-speaking Chinese teacher.
- Daily HW assigned.
- Typically HW is two pages of Chinese and two pages of Math every day.
- PM Homeroom
New facets and routines of second grade homerooms:

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

- To promote students’ literacy and numeracy skills
  - Journal writing
  - Use notebooks for class notes and to practice concepts for the lesson.
  - In math, we do addition and subtraction to 1000, mental math, introduction to multiplication and division, fractions, clock reading, time intervals, and more.
Chinese and English go together!

- 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 are shared topics
How Can Parents Support Teachers and Their Child at Home?

- Check Daily Homework
- Ensure Daily Interaction with Chinese
- Practice iChinese Reader
- Attend Parent-Teacher Conferences
Hello!
Nice to meet you.

Introduction to 2nd grade ELA Teachers and Curriculum.

- ELA Teachers: Ms. Nordvold & Ms. Hilleren
- Academic Director of English: Ms. Miller
- 6 periods of English instruction per week
  - phonics and spelling
  - vocabulary
  - reading comprehension
  - handwriting
  - writing
  - grammar
- Small Group Guided Reading
- Reading Street Curriculum serves as the foundation for instruction
Nightly Homework sent home in a purple folder that travels between school and home.

A Weekly Mini Assessment based on the concepts taught that week.
Support tools

▶ **Lexia**
  https://www.lexia-core5.com/?SiteID=9239-4469-3437-7820
  - Software program that provides targeted phonics practice at school or at home
  - First Grade students will start to learn how to use this program starting the week of May 9.

▶ **Accelerated Reader** Students select books, read independently (or are read to), and take a comprehension quiz 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
English taught in levels based on reading skills:

Why?
▶ Smaller class size
▶ Differentiated instruction to accommodate initial wide range of reading skills (along with small group guided reading)

How?
▶ STAR
▶ NWEA
▶ Reading Fluency
▶ Press Reading Inventory
▶ Teacher recommendation
What can kids and parents do this summer for English?

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  - Link to Lexia is located on Yinghua Academy website under Resources tab
  - Welcome to Lexia letter will be coming home the week of May 8

- **Yinghua’s Summer Reading/Activity Book**
- Practice handwriting/printing
- Listen to audio books
- Write postcards
What can kids and parents do this summer for Chinese?

- Practice addition and subtraction facts to 20
- Practice counting and writing numbers to 1000
- Read iChinese Reader
- Do first grade summer break homework
Why English before Pinyin?

- Pinyin is a tool that uses the alphabet to phoneticize Chinese. For example, the pinyin spelling of 英華 is yīng huá

- K-2 students learn Chinese characters without Pinyin for two reasons:
  - ‘Better Ear’ for Chinese
  - Phonetic differences between English and Pinyin
Reading Expectations

- Yinghua Academy’s mission of Biliteracy

- We encourage both Chinese and English Reading daily.
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