

Mrs. Edwards' & Ms. Cao's Disclosure 2024-2025

Dear Families,

Welcome to Second Grade Chinese Immersion! We are excited for the coming school year and hope you are too. We have lots to do and learn together. We especially love science and enjoy linking our literacy to various science experiences. Our activities promote higher-level thinking, cooperative learning, exploration, discussion, and creative expression. We seek to create a classroom where each student can feel safe, capable and essential. Attendance is very important. *We really do miss our classmates when they are absent!*

Here are some items that can help us have a productive and fun school year.

1. Please be on time. The first bell is at 8:55 A.M. Please have your child arrive at school no earlier than 8:45. Being on time minimizes classroom interruptions, allowing for more instructional time. Tardy students check in at the office.

2. Appropriate dress. Dress for the weather. We go out most days.

3. Home/School Communication: We use Parent Square this year as well as our e-mail: diane.edwards@jordandistrict.org and shujun.cao@jordandistrict.org . We check our email at least once a day and will reply as soon as possible. Periodically, you will receive updates about your child's progress. Email is the most efficient way to contact us. If circumstances require your child to be indoors during recess, please send a signed note. Your student may need to go to another teacher's classroom in order to be properly supervised.

4. Items from home. Toys should not be brought to school. If toys or electronic devices prove to be a distraction, they will be set aside in the student's backpack. Contact with your student during the school day will be done through the office at 801-254-8040.

5. Curriculum. Subjects taught are from the Utah State Core Curriculum and include: Mandarin Chinese, reading and language arts, as well as math, science and social studies, humanities, physical education, technology and fine arts.

6. Homework. A homework packet will come home each Monday and is to be returned on Fridays.
Expect to do 20 minutes of Chinese homework every day.
This is an opportunity for students to continue toward mastery of concepts taught at school, practice newly acquired skills and develop responsibility. Encourage your child to read at least 15-20 minutes per day in English and 10 minutes in Chinese (Nearpod.) Other Chinese homework will be completed throughout the week.

7. Fluency. Fluency with math facts is vital! Please help your child practice addition and subtraction to 20. Monitor reading in English for fluency by listening to hear if your child can read the words as if telling a story. Struggling readers need to sit next to a better reader and share the book and reading out loud. Ask your child to retell/summarize what they have read. The fluency pages sent home are to be logged on the homework page.
Chinese fluency is built through daily Nearpod lessons.

8. Library books. Books are to be returned each week. If it's a longer book and they need extra time it can be arranged. Help your student be careful with and keep track of books.

9. Discipline. These are our classroom rules:

1. Follow Adult Directions, First Time.
2. Keep Hands, Feet, and Objects and Words to Self.
3. Respect Self, Adults, Peers and Property
4. Be Prepared
5. Be Safe and Where You are Supposed to Be
6. Only Chinese in the Chinese Classroom.

Any student not following these rules will receive the following consequences:

1. Warning.
2. Think Time.
3. Note, email or a phone call home.
4. Loss of privileges.

Students who obey these rules will receive the following rewards:

1. Better academic and social progress.
2. Earn classroom incentives.
3. Happy notes sent home.
4. Extra privileges.

10. Supplies. The school provides all supplies. That said, it would be extremely helpful for your child to have **2 small pencil boxes** (approx. 5”X 9”) for use at school and **a regular sized backpack.** A **water bottle** is needed for the Chinese classroom. Label with initials. MVE has a “wish list” of classroom supplies for each class. **The items on this list will be used during the regular school day. They may be brought from home on a voluntary basis, otherwise, they will be furnished by the school.**

11. Grading Policy. Student progress is evaluated using standards based grading for each subject area. The ratings indicate your child's progress in relation to each term's standard. We will be using learning scales to help you to understand where your students are on the path to their learning goals.

12. Volunteering. Our great PTA has many opportunities to help. Please consider joining and supporting PTA. They do amazing things for students. Use the attached sheet to indicate interest and availability.

13. Leadership. Monte Vista students are learning personal leadership, friendship, responsibility, goal setting and many other life-skills. They will have opportunities to serve others through kindness and friendship in our classroom, our school, and the community.

14. Birthdays: If you choose to send a class treat or small gift to commemorate your child's birthday please send it in the morning and we will share it at lunch. Food must be commercially prepared. Individually packaged is easier to distribute. We will have a small celebration in class. Summer and birthdays that occur when there is no school will be celebrated on an alternate day.

15. Classroom expectations are as follows:

- Be respectful of the teacher and fellow classmates.
- Speak Chinese only in the Chinese classroom (yes, we already said that, it's essential!)
- Attend class, arrive on time (8:55 AM), be active and highly involved.
- Talk and raise questions with permission.
- Finish school assignments according to the teacher's instructions.
- Attendance is very important.

**PTA Volunteer Opportunities
Thank you!!!!**

Please check boxes for anything you would be willing to help with. Your contact info will be used to help with these activities and events.

Name _____

Cell# _____

Preferred Email _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Room Parent | <input type="checkbox"/> Jr Achievement (February) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mid Autumn Festival (Sept) | <input type="checkbox"/> Decorate door for Teacher Appreciation (May) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Halloween Party | <input type="checkbox"/> Bring Lunch for Teacher Appreciation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Party | <input type="checkbox"/> Field Day (Last week of school) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese New Year Program at Bingham (Jan 30) | <input type="checkbox"/> Book Fair (during P/T Conferences) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Valentine Party | <input type="checkbox"/> Art Competition (in lieu of Reflection) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> I speak Chinese |

My child does/does not have known allergies that teachers should be aware of.
(describe if needed) _____

We have read and discussed the Code of Conduct. _____

Parent Signature _____