

Welcome to Ms. Ku's 3rd Grade Class 2019~2020



Hi parents,

This is Ms. Ku. I am from Taiwan and have been teaching Chinese Immersion at Wasatch for 6 years. I am so happy and excited to have your kid in my class. I will be teaching Chinese Language Art and Math this year. Here are a few things to help you and your child get settled in my classroom. If you have any questions or concerns, at any time, you may contact me at hsuenerk@provo.edu and I will get back to you as soon as possible. This is going to be a wonderful year! I look forward to meeting at back to school night and our Parent-Teacher Conference right after school begins. and working with you throughout the year.

-Ms. Ku-

Classroom Supplies

Please see the "Supply List" sheet. You may also go to my class website at Wasatch Elementary School website for reference.

Homework Folder

Your child will receive a folder, red class for red and blue class for blue. Weekly assignment packet might contain about 4-5 pages (two Chinese and the rest of Math) will be sent out each Friday and he/she is required to turn it in on the following Friday. He/she has an entire week to get all assignments done. The homework folder is also a great way for teacher/parent communication. Please check your child's folder for notes, and feel free to send notes in return or email me, which I suggest is the best way to contact me.

IF HOMEWORK IS NOT COMPLETED ON TIME, I EXPECT STUDENTS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR WORK EVEN WHEN THEY ARE ABSENT.

Language Art

We will be using **Mandarin Matrix** as the main curriculum and I will also introduce your

child another material, "Better Chinese," as supplement material. Here are the websites for your reference.

Mandarin Matrix: <http://www.mandarinmatrix.com/page/school/student/login.aspx>

In order to enhance your child's Chinese learning and review at home, I would recommend you to donate \$25 to the office at the beginning of the school year so that your child will be getting his/her own personal home assess account which he/she can use anytime he/she wants.

Better Chineses: <http://www.betterchinese.com> You can also check my class website for the link. This account is opened FREE to EVERYONE! Login info will be sent to you later.

Your child will also be starting learning Chinese Pinyin, which will help him/her not only to pronounce all of the Pinyin symbols, but also to type Chinese Characters on the computer by using Pinyin.

Your child is required to take AAPPL Oral test in either October or November 2019. In the test, listening and speaking are included. If there is any change, I will keep you posted.

Math

This year your child will be learning math in Mandarin as he/she did for the past two years. It covers the following concepts: addition/subtraction within 1000, Rounding and Estimating, Multiplication facts 1-12, 2 digits of Division, Fraction, etc.

Presentation

Your child will be learning Native American in English class this year, however, we will reinforce it in my Chinese class as well. That also means he/she will have opportunity to present it both in English and Chinese in his/her presentation.

Absent

Your child is responsible for making up missed work. If you are aware of any days that your child will be absent, please inform me or Mrs. Nelson ahead of time. I understand that kids get sick so it would be better if you keep your child at home if he/she has contagious symptoms. And your child will have 1 week to turn in late work due to an absence.

Volunteers

Volunteers are greatly appreciated. Please sign up at the Back to School Night and during Parent-Teacher conference if you are interested in volunteering in our classroom. More details will be coming up regarding times and dates once schedule and routines become solidified.

Birthdays

Due to the school's wellness policy, we ask that you do not bring treats for their child's birthday. Please do not bring candy, candy coated popcorn, etc. Some suggestions to help celebrate include: donating a book to the class library, bringing healthy food like fruit, pretzels, crackers, regular popcorn, etc.

Holidays

We will celebrate the main holidays in Chinese classroom, but not all. We will hold parties for the following three holidays: **Halloween (Oct. 31)**, **Christmas (Dec. 20)** and **Chinese New Year 3rd grade party (Jan. 24, 2020)**. Parents are more than welcome to help with the parties. Please sign up for these at the Back to School Night and during Parent-Teacher conference.

Field Trips:

Several field trips will be coming up throughout the year, such as **BYU Planetarium (October)**, **Christmas Around the World (December)**, **Beam Museum (March)** and **pool party (End of April)** at Provo Recreation Center at the end of the school year.

