

Hello and Welcome to 1st Grade Chinese Immersion!

My name is Mrs. Mitchem and this is my 11th year. I teach English/Language Arts. I am married with two little boys, ages (almost) 5 and 3. We also have a spoiled labradoodle named Murphy. I enjoy gardening, golfing, shopping and spending time with my family and friends. I am also the worship leader at City Church Greenville! I look forward to getting to know your child and families this year!

My name is Qi Laoshi. Laoshi means teacher in Mandarin and Qi is my last name, it sounds like (chee). It's my sixth year teaching in GPS and I will teach your child math and Chinese language and writing. We will also learn some Science in class. I love this community and our school! I graduated from MSU with a masters degree in elementary education in 2020. I enjoy hiking, music and reading.

We are thrilled to be your first grade teachers and look forward to getting to know you this year! Your child will spend half their day with Mrs. Mitchem and half their day with Qi Laoshi. Students will be able to eat as a grade level in the cafeteria and play with their peers on the playground. We invite you to our Back to School open house on Wednesday, August 17th from 5:30-7:00. We hope you'll come and meet us to say hello and see the classrooms that evening. You are also invited to join our Facebook page. To do so, search "Walnut Hills 1st Grade Chinese Immersion" on Facebook. Please also "Like" Walnut Hills Elementary on Facebook and follow them for information, updates, pictures and more throughout the year.

Students will use individual book bins (We have them at school) to keep supplies and work in. Here is what your child will need:

- 1 Pencil box or bag (labeled)
- Pencils, glue sticks
- A box of crayons and colored pencils or markers
- Headphones (labeled in a ziploc bag) for the chromebooks
- Erasers (I suggest the big pink ones, the little tiny ones break so easily!)
- Your child will also need 2 notebooks clearly labeled (one for Chinese and one for ELA) and 3 plastic folders labeled with your child's name (one folder for ELA, one folder for Chinese and one folder to send work/notes home as a take home folder).

Thank you!!

Class supplies needed for our school year in both classes: (donations always appreciated!) sanitizer, clorox wipes, tissues, community snacks (individually wrapped), hand lotion. Mrs. Mitchem also has an Amazon Wish List that she has created for classroom wants/needs! If you'd like the link to shop, please email her at emily.mitchem@gpsjackets.org Thank you!

Breakfast and lunch are provided by the school unless your child brings their own. All students need to bring a snack and a water bottle daily. We will send more information home soon about our daily schedules and helpful information. We really look forward to meeting the kids and getting to know them!

Take care and see you soon,
Mrs. Mitchem & Qi Laoshi

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