

WELCOME TO SECOND GRADE



Dear Walnut Hills Elementary Families,

Welcome to a brand new school year! We hope everyone had a safe, fun filled break and is looking forward to the first day of the best second grade year you can imagine! As always, the new school year holds the promise of new discovery and learning, as well as the prospect of personal growth in all areas.

For those of you who don't know me, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Mrs. Jenkins, and I am from Rockford, Michigan. This will be my twentieth year of teaching, and I have taught all grade levels from kindergarten to fifth grade. I have been married to my husband Mark for almost twenty-one years. We have a sixteen-year-old son named Asa and a thirteen-year-old daughter named Zoey. We also have a dog named Play-Doh, and she loves to fetch a frisbee! I also love spending time with my friends and family, kayaking with my husband, vacationing to new places, spending summer days at the beach in Grand Haven, and reading outside.

And, here I am, Xie Laoshi, waiting for you in the 2nd-grade classroom to learn Chinese, Math, and Science in Mandarin Chinese. How cool it is!!! I am so excited to share the Chinese language and culture with your children. I come from China. I have been teaching Chinese all around the world in the United States, China, Namibia, and the Philippines. I have lived in New Jersey for seven years, and this is my sixth year in Michigan. I am looking forward to meeting all of you in August.

We have already been working in our classrooms and preparing for fun and challenging experiences, too. This year we will be busy meeting new friends, learning Chinese, math, reading and writing stories, and performing many science experiments! We know we will be making many great memories together, too!

On the first day of school, please bring the following school supplies with you. Please put your first and last name on ALL of YOUR supplies. Please leave the classroom supplies blank. Thank you for helping purchase useful supplies for our school year!

****Each Student needs:** (Remember your child will be keeping these in a small cubby in our classroom. There is not a lot of space, so we would encourage just the items below. We would suggest that your child open their supplies ahead of time, label them, and get them organized in their pencil boxes. This way when they come to class, they will have it ready to place in their cubby.)

- * Earbuds or headphones (Placed in a labeled plastic bag.)
- * 4 wide ruled spiral notebooks (2 for each class)
- * 1 Yellow 2 Pocket Plastic Folder (This will be our homework folder so we need everyone to have the same color.)
- * 3 "2-pocket folder"
- * 2 packs of #2 pencils (If you can get the already sharpened ones that would be great!)
- * 1 box of crayons
- * 1 package of sharpened colored pencils OR washable markers
- * 6 Elmer's glue sticks
- * 1 pair of scissors
- * Pencil case or a zippered 3-hole punch pencil pouch. You may even want two of these to keep the above supplies organized. Sometimes you can't fit everything into one box.
- * Individual Pencil Sharpener with lid
- * 1 box of tissues
- * Individual Water Bottle

Non-labeled whole classroom supplies appreciated:

- * Clorox or Lysol Wipes
- * Expo Dry Erase Markers
- * Colored Sharpies (We use these for classroom projects and can be bought individually or packaged.)
- * Astrobrights colored cardstock
- * Package of #2 pencils
- * Colored Post-It Notes
- * Glue sticks
- * Zip lock bags (Sandwich and gallon size)
- * Prizes for our treasure box

2022-23 School Supply List

***Please only purchase items that are on the list and refrain from purchasing additional items such as: character binders, fun erasers, gel pens, or any gamified school supplies. While gamified school items are very fun, they are best kept at home. Gamified items sent to school, will be returned home where they are best kept safe.

Second Grade Supply List:

- (1) [Over the Head Headphones](#)
(These will be used for chromebooks)
- (2) 24 count box of Crayola Crayons
- (2) boxes of Thick Crayola Markers
- (1) 24 count box Ticonderoga Pencils
- (1) pair of child sized Scissors
- (4) Elmer's Glue Sticks
- (1) box of Lysol Wipes
- (1 one of each) Red, Blue, and Purple folder
- (1) pack of 2 inch sticky notes
- (1) box of tissues
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Additionally, if you would like to help support our class, I have provided a link to an [Amazon wish list](#). The items on this list will be used to update your students classroom library and provide additional supplies needed throughout the year. While donations are by no means required, they are greatly appreciated by our class! Thank you!

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1NHQMA6ZW7RU0?ref_=wl_share

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding classroom supplies! Thank you!

-Ms. Bailey