

June 8, 2017



Dear Mira Vista incoming 6th grade families:

Greetings! We want to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and to express how excited we are to meet you. Ms. Chen will be teaching English, History, and Art whereas Ms. Phan will be teaching Math, Science, and Yearbook. You may get us mixed up, but here are a couple of tips on how to tell us apart. 1) Ms. Chen is the taller one. 2) Ms. Phan is the nicer one. 3) Ms. Chen is a cat fanatic and surrounds herself with all kinds of cat stuff. 4) Ms. Phan tells a lot of (true?) stories. 5) Ms. Chen speaks Mandarin and a smidgen of French. 6) Ms. Phan speaks Mien and un poquito Espanol. We have been teaching a total of 37 years combined.

Ms. Chen's "ask" for the summer is for students to read EVERYDAY! It doesn't have to be anything specific; just find something you enjoy! Reading daily will help to improve reading fluency, language skills, vocabulary knowledge, and a glimpse into another world. Please be sure to fill out the **daily reading log**. You can also join Newsela Summer Reading Clubs. To join our class, please click on <https://newsela.com/join/#/8QS62T>. The Class Code is 8QS62T. Please refer to the following link for more information. <https://support.newsela.com/hc/en-us/articles/115001836746-Summer-Reading-Clubs-2017>

Ms. Phan's "ask" for the summer is for students to spend 15 minutes daily on Khan Academy 5th grade challenge or arithmetic. For science, students should begin thinking about possible science projects. Students should practice and attain fluency with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division with **whole numbers**, fractions and decimals.

To help you start the school year smoothly, please have the following supplies by the first week of school. Please contact us if you have any problems procuring any supplies.

- ★ 1 three-ring binders (at least 2-inches wide) for an **in-class** portfolio
- ★ 3 (2-pocket) folders
- ★ 6 dividers: reading, grammar, spelling, vocabulary, writing, and history
- ★ At least 2 spiral bound notebooks
- ★ Basic calculator
- ★ Ruler with inches and centimeter
- ★ 1 package of white lined binder paper
- ★ Small, non-electric pencil sharpener
- ★ 2 pens – **black** or **blue** ink only!
- ★ Pencils!
- ★ Highlighters
- ★ 1 package of color pencils
- ★ School appropriate scissors
- ★ Gluestick

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you in August!

**Note: Our Middle School Orientation is scheduled for Friday, 8/18, at 1pm.**



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Regards,  
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