

Dear Parents,

Hope you and your family have enjoyed a great summer! And welcome to the new school year!

I am getting very excited about meeting with my class and you - the supportive Parents. As you have known, our class is adapting a new teaching methodology and teaching material. By signing on to this class, I know you wanted to take the challenge, and are willing to "walk extra miles" with me to provide our kids a great experience on their Chinese learning. THANK YOU!

Classes at NCLS will begin this Sunday Sept. 7th. Our classroom is at Room 223. Please check the school web site prior to Sunday to make sure this classroom assignment is not changed, as School is still going through some last moment confirmation.

School has assigned two experienced Teaching Assistants Zhou Shixiao lao shi and Tian Siqi lao shi to our class. We will be in the classroom by 1:50pm on Sunday to greet the students and meet with you.

Some of the students have not purchased/received the book yet. I will bring the book set to our classroom; you won't get it from the cafeteria. Please make sure you have made the payment for the book; if not, please bring a check of \$60 payable to Newton Chinese Language School.

Many Parents have discussed with me about the Ma Liping Text Books we are using. We all understand that Teacher, Students and Parents do need to work diligently to assure a successful progress. This set of text book has three sections and delivers 302 new words for the school year. We will need to complete one lesson in each school week - also means each Sunday class. I would like to share with you some highlights of the teaching plan and class arrangement here, and I look forward to your comments and suggestion:

- For section 1 and 2 in the book, I will require students being able to memorize the text in the lesson, for the training of the sense on Spoken Chinese; for section 3, I will choose certain text for them to memorize. My plan is to have students almost being able to memorize the lesson on the class; we need Parents' help to review it with Students at home. I will ask students to recite the text on the next class.

- On every class, we will designate some time to review the words and phrases from the previous class, with possible 听写 to reinforce. I hope Parents are able to do 听写 at home the night before the class to make sure the students being prepared.

- Please help Students cutting and organizing the word cards at home, using rubber band to put cards together for each lesson. In the beginning of each class, Students need to put the word cards in the right order on their desk to form up the text. I will review the process with them on our first class.

- Please arrive at the classroom no later than 2pm for each class. Teaching Assistants and I will be in the classroom 10 minutes before class starts; and we will start interacting with individual students checking homework and/or reviewing their progress. So if possible, you may want to

arrive 5 ~ 10 minutes earlier to take advantage of this extra 10 minutes before class.

If you have any question, please feel free to contact me via email or at phone number 781 775-1672. I will do the same to closely work with you.

Thank you again. I am looking forward to seeing you and the students on Sunday!

Best Regards,

Nan Liang
(Teacher of First Grade Ma Liping Class)