



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

ALCATRAZ

9.11.2014

Kindergarten



- Class: **Dragon**
- Teacher: **Jennifer Suen**
- Teacher Assistant: **Robin Chen**

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Parent Portal to Classroom Site: www.kinderdragon.weebly.com

Meet the Dragon Teacher



Jennifer Suen 孫婕

- From Taipei, Taiwan & Akron, Ohio
- Been with Yu Ming since 2013
- Role at Yu Ming Lead Teacher for Kindergarten
- Education

B.A. in Anthropology from University of Chicago

M.Ed. in Curriculum & Instruction from George Mason University

Kindergarten

- Dragon Teacher: Jennifer Suen
- Panda Teacher: Eve Wu
- Teacher Assistant: Robin Chen
- English Teacher: Mia Perez
- Music Teacher: Ben Brady (OYC)
- Art Teacher: Laurie Croft (MOCHA)
- P.E. Teacher: Sean Dudey (YMCA)
- Head of English Language Program: Lisa Jordan
- Director of Curriculum and Instruction (Mandarin): Diana Kong

You Can Expect that.....

- ❑ I will know your child personally as the unique individual s/he is.
- ❑ I will prepare lessons that are stimulating, rigorous and interactive.
- ❑ I will work with each child at his/her level, in order to help him/her achieve our end of year expectations.
- ❑ I will work with parents and keep you informed of academic concerns or ongoing behavior issues, before they become serious problems.
- ❑ I will reply to emails as promptly as my schedule allows and based upon urgency. Non-urgent emails may take up to 4 days to reply to.
- ❑ I will help every child love learning and become a risk taker in his/her own learning.
- ❑ I will update the website weekly.

My Expectations of Parents



- Parents are encouraged to be involved in their children's learning and education.
- Parents should partner with teachers and maintain an open communication channel.
- Parents should bring their children on time to school (before 8:15)
- Parents should provide a quiet place for children to do their homework and check their homework every day.
- Parents should attend parent-teacher conferences.
 - **November 12 - 15, 2013**
 - **March 11 - 14, 2014**
- Parents should ask their child about school regularly.
- Parents should volunteer for school and class events.
- Parents should share concerns and questions with teachers.

My Expectations of Students



- ❑ Students should come to school ready to try their best
- ❑ Students should practice their CARES skills
- ❑ Students should participate even when it's hard
- ❑ Students should support each other
- ❑ Students should never give up
- ❑ Students should have FUN learning
- ❑ Students should take responsibility for their own learning through being organized and following classroom rules and procedures

Classroom Management

- Responsive Classroom
- CARES
- Socio-Emotional Learning (including counselor lessons in English)

Project Based Learning



We integrate our curriculum based on individual topics and units,
so students will gain the most learning in class

[2014-2015 Curriculum Map](#)

[2014-2015 Core Character List](#)

Assessments

- End-of-unit final projects
- End-of-unit reading assessments
- Writing assessments (narrative, informative, opinion)
- Math: MAP (Measures of Academic Progress)
- Other formative assessments

Field Trips

- Pumpkin Patch & Farm
- California Academy of Sciences
- Peking Acrobat Show
- Fire Department Visit (*confirmation pending*)
- Library Visit (*confirmation pending*)
- Earth Day Wildlife Visit
- Oakland Zoo

Schedule



- Dragon Daily Schedule

Homework

- Homework will be handed out every Tuesday afternoon.
- Homework will be due every Monday morning. Please place the completed homework folder in your child's cubby.
- Each week, there will be an optional challenge page in Mandarin. Please try your best to use as much Mandarin as possible on this page.
- Please use pencil for all writing assignments.

Class List



- [2014-2015 Dragon Class List](#)

Questions?



Thank
you!
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