

# SEPTEMBER

## English

5th/6th graders will review literary elements, determine the meaning of words using the book Wonder. The students will discuss and write about kindness, compassion, and empathy.

7th/8th grade students will study the novel, Seedfolks in which the students will learn how to understand people from different cultural perspectives along with integration of different reading strategies/skills and writing skills.

## Math

5th/6th graders will review what they know, learn decimal place value and positive rational numbers.

7th/8th grade students will study the unit on geometry as one of the weak areas on their NWEA scores to learn from at the beginning of the school year.

## Science

5th/6th graders will explore matter. They will answer the question "When matter changes, does its weight change?"

7th/8th graders will define elements and compounds. They learn to identify the main compounds that are important in cells.

## Social Science

5th/6th graders will learn the map skills along with reading the nonfiction text, Sacagewea as she traveled with the Lewis and Clark expedition.

7th/8th graders will review the map skills to identify 50 states, continents while learning to read the nonfiction text, I am Malala (India).

\*\*\* All 5th through 8th grade students are also required to watch daily news as part of the current events reports to enhance their English listening and writing skills.\*\*\*



Welcome back students and parents. We are very excited for the new school year! Let's take this opportunity to introduce ourselves to you. Ms. Liang is teaching 5th/6th grade bilingual in room 306 and this is her 6th year teaching at Haines. Ms. Ruan is teaching 7th/8th grade bilingual in room 310 and this is her 15 years teaching at Haines. 同學們和家長們，我們非常高興新學年的到來！興氏學校雙語初中部的梁老師（5/6年級）和阮老師（7/8年級）歡迎你們！今年是梁老師在興氏學校教書的第六年，阮老師在興氏學校教書的第15年。

Students from both classrooms switch one departmentalized class for Science (306) and Social Studies (310). Students will stay in homeroom for other core subjects: homeroom science or social studies, literacy (reading & writing) during literacy block and math during math block.

今年雙語初中部的同學們只交換一節課，他們會在梁老師課室學科學，在阮老師的課室學自然科學。其他的主要科目（英文，數學）學生們會在自己的課室學習。

We are delighted that your child will be joining us for the 2019-2020 school year. Our days will be filled with many wonderful experiences, field trips, and opportunities for learning. 我們歡迎您在二零一九至二零二零學年加入我們的班級。在新的一年您的孩子會學到很多知識，參加各種活動及旅遊。

We understand that learning English, as newcomers, takes a lot of time and practice to become a fluent speaker of English. We always believe that students must establish good study habits and maintain a hard working mentality toward learning in order to succeed in school. We will do our very best to teach your child to become a successful learner in school.

我們很明白新學生需要學好英文，說好英文需要一些時間，我們總相信學生必須建立好的學習習慣以及保持努力學習會取得進步及成功！我們也將盡力教導您們的孩子成為好學生。

"Education is the key to unlocking the world, a passport to freedom." — Oprah Winfrey

## BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to:  
9/2 - Lai, Qiqi  
9/7 - Beikun Shi

## IMPORTANT DATES

9/16/2019 Open House/BAC at 5 pm- Meet the teachers  
和老師們見面-下午五點開始