

# American International School of Monrovia



## Year of The Wildebeest (Gnu)

Dear EYP Families,

Welcome to the Year of the Wildebeest!! This year the curriculum was both updated and divided and modified to cover more relevant areas that will provide a global and complete education to our young learners; in our fastest growing division. Our goal for this school year is to help better prepare your child for kindergarten emotionally, socially, and academically in a positive and nurturing environment. In brief, the main idea of our program is to create a smooth and fun transition for your child. To help us reach our goal we will put in place some classroom policies, and I would like to count on **your support** so students can understand and adapt easily to changes.

Please note that school begins at 8:20 am and you will drop off your child in the respective EYP classrooms the first weeks, then we will need to start using the little gate located in the entrance of the EYP area to help them create their independence. We ask that after your child is settled in that you say your **good-byes quickly**. We understand that during the first few weeks it will be a little harder to make the daily separation, but there are a few things you can do to help ease the transition. It is so important to develop a routine that works for you and your child. Always say good-bye and communicate with them when you'll be back. Reinforce that you support and feel comfortable with them being here.

At AISM we encourage students to be independent at a young age, we believe students are able to reach any goal if they are respectful, good listeners and nice workers. At this age everything is based on routine and basic rules, to aid students to get used to the EYP program and get them engage at all times, we use a behavior clip system, this consist in three color: green, yellow and red. The colors mean:

**Green:** Great day!

**Yellow:** Warning. I needed more than one reminder to behave.

**Red:** Parent Contact. My teacher needs to talk with you about my behavior.

**Note:** Everyone starts the day on green.

Your child will be bringing their behavior calendar home every afternoon. Each day, your son or daughter will be coloring a circle that corresponds to our behavior clip system in class.

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If your child moved their clip to yellow, or red, they will also include a behavior code on their calendar so you know why they moved their clip. Please initial each night on the line provided so I know you had a chance to look at their calendar.

Our clip system works with your support. Please praise your child for days with green dots and please speak with them about their behavior when they have a yellow, or red day.

When students are in yellow or red they will sit in the quiet area to calm down and reflect about his/her behavior, the teacher will get close to your child to talk about what happened and help the student to find a good solution. In case students had a red day parents will be contacted the same day by through the Jupiter system. When a student does a great work during the day and has a green day to encourage and promote positive behavior they will have a verbal praise, reward, or stickers.

Stickers and praise may be targeted in class behaviors such as on-task behavior, participation, following class routines and school rules, positive and social interactions and so on. Each time a sticker is earned, it is placed on a sticker board, this helps students learn to recognize numbers counting by 10s.

**Allergies:** if your child has any allergies could you please let me know in writing before school starts.

**Parent/teacher communication:** most communication is done through AISM's Jupiter portal online, or your child's folder.

I am usually able to respond to emails within 24 hours but please be aware that during the day I am active teaching and usually check emails only at the beginning and end of each day. If there is an urgent matter, please feel free to contact the school office.

If you need further information, do not hesitate to contact me, here is my email: [gabrielacabrera@aismonrovia.com](mailto:gabrielacabrera@aismonrovia.com)

Once again, Welcome to the year of the Wildebeest! We have a great year ahead of us!

Regards,

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