

American International School of Monrovia



Year of The Wildebeest (Gnu)

Dear EYP Families,

This year your child will complete one of the most important milestones of his or her life- the first days of school! I am looking forward to working with you and your children this year and helping them to achieve their full potential. Our days and weeks will be filled with many wonderful experiences and opportunities to learn and grow. We are so excited you will be part of our school family this year! Our team consists of Ms. Gabriela, Ms. Smith, and myself.

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Nicole Hicks and I am delighted to be your child's teacher this year at the American International School of Monrovia. This year I am returning to AISM after having left in 2014. I am both a Honduran and American citizen. Having grown up in a family with a parent that was part of the American diplomatic community, I am familiar with moving to different countries and switching schools.

This year we will have our hands full with many activities that will engage your child in different ways and help begin their life-long career of learning. The first weeks of school will be dedicated to help your child acclimate to the new environment and the routines that go with being in a preschool classroom.

In EYP we follow AISM's discipline policy, the goal of which is to stimulate self-discipline through reflection on how individual actions affect others and to establish procedures on dealing with breaches of expected conduct. It is implemented in the classroom through a behavior management program called the clip chart. Each child has a clip on the clip chart. Every student starts their clip on ready to learn or green. The student has the chance to move their clip up or down throughout the day depending upon the choices that they make. If a clip is moved up, it can be moved down if behavior worsens, and visa versa, if the clip is moved down, it can be moved up if the behavior improves. At the end of each day, the clip chart is recorded for record keeping. The colors green, yellow, and red will be used. Green means I had a good day! Yellow- I needed more than one reminder about my behavior. Red- I needed more reminders even after my clip was moved to yellow.

It is with your support that our clip system will work.

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Positive behavior will be acknowledged and supported through both verbal praise/recognition and stickers. Stickers and praise may be for targeted in class behaviors such as on task behavior, following class and school rules, positive social interactions and so on.

Each time a sticker is earned it is placed on a chart. This helps students learn to recognize numbers and read an object graph.

Class rules along with visuals will also be displayed and will be reviewed regularly, especially during the first weeks of school. These include:

- Eyes Looking
- Listening Ears
- Quiet Mouth
- Helping Hands
- Walking Feet

A **supply list** is posted on the school website for your review. The link is provided here:

<https://www.aismonrovia.com/admissionss/news/1077-aism-recommended-eyp-supply-list-2018-2019>

If your child has any **allergies** could you please let me know in writing before school Starts.

If your child is anxious about school, please feel free to send in a “**cuddle buddy**” or something similar (a picture of your family, or anything small and special). This will be kept in your child’s cubby and your child can visit it anytime they may feel worried.

I believe that a good parent-teacher relationship is necessary for maximum school success. Throughout the year I will communicate with you through the Jupiter portal. 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. I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at any time. My school email is nicolehicks@aismonrovia.com.

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Please attend AISM's Student/Parent Orientation on **Friday, August 17th between 2:00-3:30**. Come and see your classroom, your school, and meet your teacher and other school staff. The first day of school is **Monday, August 20th** starting at 8:20 and ending at 3:30.

Again, I look forward to meeting you and having your child in my classroom.

Welcome to the Year of the Wildebeest!

Sincerely,
Ms. Nicole

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