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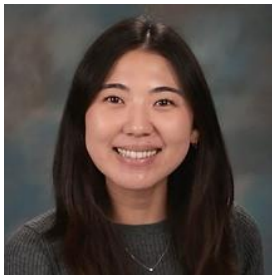
Dear Room 206 Families,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! We are incredibly excited to start a new school year with our returning students and families. We also want to extend a warm welcome to our new students and families joining us this year. We are honored to work with your children during this important stage of their development, and look forward to a year full of growth, exploration, and meaningful learning together.

Upper Elementary is a transformative time in a student's life. These years are filled with growing confidence, deepening curiosity, and a desire to understand the world and their place within it. Our commitment is to create a nurturing classroom environment where your child is encouraged to grow with wonder, explore bravely, and connect meaningfully with the people and things around them. We look forward to partnering with you all this year to build a supportive and joyful learning community together.

Teacher Introduction

Ms. Park



My journey at Arborland began in 2021 when I had the privilege of assistant teaching in Room 206. Since then, I've worked in multiple classrooms across different age levels. After earning my teaching credential from California State University, Fullerton, I returned to Arborland as the lead teacher in Room 206 for the 2024-2025 school year. This will be my third year lead teaching in Room 206, and I am so excited to champion your student in their learning journey. Outside of the classroom, I enjoy cooking, baking, pilates, and exploring new coffee shops.

Ms. Wright



I started my journey in education 20 years ago working at a school for students with language-based learning disabilities. Then, I worked as an educational therapist, providing one-on-one remediation and differentiation as well as coordinating a learning center for a private school in San Juan Capistrano. I have experience teaching K-8th grade in Loudoun County School Districts in Virginia, where I previously lived for 12 years. I was an assistant teacher in Classroom

206 last year and can not wait to return as a teacher to Arborland this fall. I have also started my Montessori Credentialing journey this summer by pursuing a credential in both Upper and Lower Elementary Education through the Modern Montessori TEC in Sacramento. When I'm not teaching, I can be found with my loyal pup, ThunderBear, as we lounge in the park, by the pool, or spend a quiet day reading and watercolor painting.

Ms. Maquela



I am excited to be joining the Upper Elementary team as an assistant teacher. I graduated from Biola University with a degree in Intercultural Studies and a minor in Peace and Justice. I am currently pursuing my Masters of Science degree in Industrial and Organizational Psychology at Vanguard University. I started teaching TESOL when I was 16 with my family in SE Asia and have continued to teach since going to University. I'm looking forward to creating a fun, engaging classroom and getting to know each learner. Outside of school, I enjoy traveling, baking, playing sports, and spending time with family and friends.

Open Communication

Regular, open communication with your child's teachers is imperative to quality education. Please do not hesitate to contact us anytime during the school year with questions or concerns regarding your child's education. You may reach out by email at mspark@arborland.com and mswright@arborland.com and we will do our best to respond in a timely manner. Please allow 24-48 hours for a response so that we may focus on giving our undivided attention to the students in the classroom. If you would like an immediate response, please call the main office so that we can get in touch sooner.

Jupiter Ed is the parent-teacher communication platform through which you will be able to see what your child is learning and working on. It is updated weekly, and that will act as the clearest picture of your child's week-to-week learning. We look forward to partnering with you to ensure a successful and fulfilling school year!

NEW Student Laptop Program

We are excited to introduce our new Student Laptop Program! Beginning this school year, each student in our class will need access to a school-issued laptop through our new rental program. We appreciate families who have invested in personal laptops for the students in past years, but the wide variety of personal devices created challenges that impacted classroom instruction and student learning. This initiative is designed to provide every student with a reliable, consistent learning device while creating a safer and more productive digital learning environment.

There are many benefits for both students and families:

- *Safe and secure online access:* School laptops include internet filtering and security protections that help keep students safe while using the device for educational purposes.
- *Built-in firewalls and security:* Devices are managed by the school, reducing the risk of viruses, malware, and unauthorized software.
- *No daily charging required:* Students will charge and store their laptops at school, so families won't need to worry about remembering chargers or arriving with a dead battery.
- *Password support:* Students and staff have access to school-managed accounts, making it easier to reset passwords and avoid login issues.
- *Equal access for every student:* Every student uses the same device with the same educational software, ensuring a consistent learning experience in every classroom.
- *Quick technical support:* If a problem arises, school staff can troubleshoot, update, or repair devices more efficiently than with personal laptops.
- *Focused learning:* School-managed devices are configured specifically for learning, helping minimize distractions and ensuring students have the tools they need for success.

Our goal is to make technology more reliable, accessible and secure while supporting student learning every day. We believe this program will help students spend less time dealing with technical issues and more time engaging in meaningful learning. We look forward to partnering with our families to make this program a success. We appreciate your partnership and support as we implement this new program. Additional information regarding the laptop rental agreement, \$100 per school year per device fee, care expectations, and procedures will be shared before the start of the school year as part of our Technology Agreement.

Homework

Our homework policy is based on reinforcing work being done in the class and is handed out daily. This policy will be explained in more detail during Parents' Night. A certain amount of reading is allocated every day. You are encouraged to show interest, listen to your child read, and make sure their homework is completed.

Supply List

Please send your child on the first day of school with the listed 'Must Have' supplies. We highly recommend you have your student label their names on all of their materials. If you are unsure about anything on the list, please feel free to reach out to clarify before purchasing. We have listed a few optional items your student can bring that will benefit our classroom.

Must Have:

- **4 Composition Notebooks - No spirals, please!**
 - College-ruled
- **1 Graphing Paper Composition Book**
- **4 two-pocket folders**

- Blue plastic (HW/CW Folder)
- Red plastic (Take-Home Folder)
- Yellow plastic (Spanish Folder)
- Green plastic (Music Folder)
- **Weekly Planner ([Example Link](#))**
 - Must have sturdy binding with enough space to write down classwork/homework)
- **1-inch Binder with Clear Pocket on Front (aka View Binder)**
- **Supply Case - (Must close completely, no larger than 8x5x2) ([Example Link](#))**
 - Pencils
 - If your student is using mechanical pencils, they must bring their own lead.
 - No pencil sharpeners, as we have multiple in the classroom.
 - Eraser
 - Highlighter
 - Colored pen (for correcting)
 - Pair of scissors
 - Ruler, Protractor
- **6th Graders Only: Scientific Calculator**
- **Index Cards (3x5)**

Optional:

- Construction paper (mixed colors, 50 sheets)
- White Cardstock
- Hand Sanitizer
- Hand Soap
- Sharpies (thin, thick, colored)
- Pencils
- Washable Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Glue sticks
- College-Ruled Lined Paper
- Graph Paper
- Tape

Art supply list will be given by the art teacher

Start Time

Class will begin at 8:30am every day. Please ensure your child arrives on time to get the very best start to the day. When a child arrives late, it disrupts the latecomer as well as the lesson in progress, and he/she misses vital information and directions for the day.

Birthdays

Birthdays are celebrated with a creative activity in which all children participate. The birthday child may bring in a simple treat to share. Please remember that no candy, gum, nuts or soda is

allowed at school. Please do not hesitate to check with me if you are unsure of what to bring.

Snack Time

Students will have a 10 minute snack break in the morning. Please send a snack for your child. If your child has an early breakfast, please provide them with a healthy snack to ensure consistent energy throughout the day. We highly discourage the students from bringing chips, cookies, or anything too sugary.

Additional Electronic Devices

If you feel the need to send your child with a cellphone or smartwatch to school, certain classroom rules apply. The phone must stay in their backpack. Both phone and smartwatch must be switched to off or airplane mode while at school. This is to ensure that calls or messages are not a distraction during school hours. If you or your child has a message for each other, our Front Office can help. If these rules are not followed, the phone and smartwatch will be turned into the Front Office for the parent or guardian to pick up. We request that you please discuss these with your child.

Along with these major points, you are requested to look through the school handbook (available on our website at www.arborland.com → “Parent’s Corner”) for further information.

You are welcome to bring your child to our August 7th Meet & Greet between 9:00 am-9:30 am in Room 206 as we are excited to get reacquainted with everyone. We look forward to meeting you all in a few weeks. See you soon!

Sincerely,

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