

# Back to School



Dear Parents,

Hello and welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! I am excited to begin this new year! This will be my 3rd year at Young Americans, my 6th year teaching first grade, and my 10<sup>th</sup> year as a full-time elementary teacher. I grew up as a missionary kid in the Philippines and enjoy outdoor activities. I also love to do art projects and sing – often at the same time. My family is spread out around the world, and we’re very thankful for Skype and webcams to keep us connected. One of my favorite sayings is “The Gospel isn’t just about getting into heaven when we die; it’s actually about heaven getting into us while we live” (anonymous). As we begin this school year, I hope each student will not only grow in wisdom and knowledge, but also in the awareness of God’s fingerprints all over our lives and our world.

For families and students who are new to the school, you will have a New Family Meeting at 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. Then, the following day (Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>), both new and returning families will come together for our Open House on the first day of school from 9:50-10:20 A.M. Parents get to leave at 10:20 but students, you get to stay until 2:45 ☺. I look forward to meeting you then!

Over the summer you can go to the YACS website ([www.yacs.us](http://www.yacs.us)) to view this letter and the 1<sup>st</sup> grade supply list. The school supply list includes all of the important materials we will need for the year. I will be purchasing some of the supplies ahead of time, so hopefully that will make things a little easier for you in the school-supply-buying rush at the start of the school year!

I look forward to working with you this year. See you in July!

Miss North

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## School Supplies for First Grade

The teachers will be purchasing the supplies listed below. We will have them ready for the students on the first day of school. We will be asking parents for reimbursement money at that time. The amount should be approximately \$20.

### Teachers will purchase these supplies for your student:

- 36 – Number 2 pencils
  - 1 pkg. of flat erasers
  - 2 boxes of 24 crayons
  - 1 pack of 10 markers
  - 6 – regular size glue sticks
  - Pencil box
  - Scissors
  - 1 set of watercolors
  - 1 Elmer’s School Glue (4 oz.)
- (\$ will also cover several special projects to be completed during the year)

### Please purchase these items on your own:

- \* Book bag
- \* NIV Bible
- \* Water bottle with a sport cap (optional)
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer

*Please label these items (\*) with your child’s name.*