

Katie Dodd

From: Binghao Cheng <chengbinghao@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 10:57 AM
To: Katie Dodd
Cc: Ed Castro
Subject: Re: Greetings from G7 Louis Cheng's Father

Dear Katie,

Thanks for the updates on Louis' progress. We are delighted to hear that he is doing well in science and will help him improve on the details.

You are absolutely right – communication skill development and character building will continue to be the top priority for us as a family this year. We will be in close contact with you to help Louis gain a positive and joyful experience at school.

Thank you and have a great week.

Warm regards,
Binghao

On Tue, Jan 25, 2022 at 9:22 AM Katie Dodd <kdodd@eastsideprep.org> wrote:

Hello Binghao,

Thanks for your message! I appreciate your reaching out to check in about Louis and Science. All in all, I think that Louis is in good shape as far as conceptual understanding is concerned—this is reflected in his very strong grade on our quiz earlier this trimester as well as his overall grade of A- in his progress report. To my mind, the one area where Louis may benefit from just a little increased attention may be in double-checking his work before submitting. As is true for many 7th graders, he occasionally overlooks details in instructions, which causes small points to be docked.

I appreciate your also mentioning his introverted nature—I have definitely seen that in the classroom as well. I think that in that respect, what might be of greatest benefit to Louis would be to help him develop his self-advocacy skills so that they don't feel in conflict with his introverted nature. I know it can feel hard to reach out for help, so anything we can do to remind Louis that his teachers are here to support him is great. For example, he can use email or Teams messages to ask questions, even during class. If he finds it difficult to email teachers, sitting down with him to compose an email (to be sent from his account) might help make it a little less intimidating.

All in all, I think that Louis is doing very well in ST2, so I do want to be sure to emphasize that as well. I am happy to get to work with him this year and of course welcome any other questions or concerns you may have!

Cheers,

Katie

PS--I'm including Dr. Castro on my reply to keep him in the loop as advisor, since he has the "big picture" view of Louis.

From: Binghao Cheng <chengbinghao@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 11:56 AM

To: Katie Dodd <kdodd@eastsideprep.org>

Subject: Greetings from G7 Louis Cheng's Father

Dear Ms. Dodd,

This is Binghao Cheng, Louis' father. I hope the message finds you well in the new year! I intended to pay you a visit for the new semester, but due to the COVID, I'd like to establish our communications through email until I can do so in person.

As Louis ventures through his G7, we as parents want to do our best to support him in all his efforts. We'd like to check in with you on his recent performance to see if there are any areas of attention we should be aware of. We noticed that he got an A- in his Scientific Thinking for the recent progress report and would like to see whether there's any gap in his knowledge. He is hardworking and committed to his studies, but his introverted personality might make it challenging for him to reach out for help, as you might have already noticed. We wonder if you have any suggestions for us to help him improve, such as working on his concepts, approaches, and overall efficiency? Any insights will be appreciated!

We are enormously grateful for your continuous care, support, and patience, which truly mean a lot for him and us. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you very much.

Best regards,
Binghao Cheng