

The Marcum-Illinois Union Elementary School District would like to recognize Cha Xiong for his contributions to our Marcum students and community.

Mr. Xiong joined Marcum-Illinois in 2008. He took over our 8th grade class mid-year and was able to ensure that they had a great school year even after encountering so many unexpected changes. We have always appreciated his willingness to step into any situation and make sure that the students are the number one priority.

After his time in 8th grade, Mr. Xiong moved to 4th grade where he has been committed to delivering high quality instruction each and every day. Mr. Xiong makes every minute count in his classroom. The students are learning and working every day, in every subject from bell to bell...sometimes even after the bell, as it's very important to him that he gets that information out to his students. It doesn't matter what time it is or what subject he is covering, when anyone walks into Mr. Xiong's classroom they will see the students engaged in learning or showing what they have learned.

High quality instruction is a priority for Mr. Xiong, but so is intervention. On a regular basis Mr. Xiong gives up his prep period or breaks to work one on one or in small groups with his students. He knows where his students are academically, what they need in order to improve, and he does whatever he can to give them the support they need to help them make academic gains.

Because of Mr. Xiong's dedication to high quality instruction and intervention, his students consistently perform well on State Assessments. It is not uncommon for Mr. Xiong to have 85% or more, even 100% last year, of his students meeting or exceeding standards in both mathematics and English language arts on their CAASPP assessments. His hard work all year ensures that his students are prepared for 5th grade and have a solid foundation for continued academic success.

The Marcum Board, Staff, Students, and Community would like to thank Cha Xiong for all that he has done for our students and our school.