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Hola familias,

I would like to introduce myself. My name is María Velasco-Ranz, and I am going to be your children's third grade teacher this year. The students will call me Señor María.

I come from Sevilla, a city in the south of Spain. I'm an active and cheerful person and I love singing, dancing, cooking, doing arts and crafts and travelling.

My first experience teaching Spanish was seven years ago in Scotland, in a little village where I taught to a local preschool group. After that wonderful year, I decided to go back to Spain and I studied a master's degree in bilingual teaching and a master's in Children Psychology. Since then, I have enjoyed being an elementary school teacher. I taught for five years in Spain, where I was a homeroom teacher and a languages specialist.

This will be my fifth-year teaching at LILA and I can't wait to start again this coming year and get to know my new students. After four years working in this wonderful school and enjoying being part of this special LILA community, I have gained experience and I'm excited to have another successful year with this new group of students. Each year is a great new adventure, and I can't wait for this new one to start!!

I'm looking forward to meeting you at our "Bienvenidos Conferences" in August.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact me at mvelascoranz@mylila.org

Have a great rest of summer!!

Señor María