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Welcome back to another school year!

My name is Rachel Strehlow and I will be the Enrichment Coordinator and Teacher as well as a handful of other roles at LILA this year! I am looking forward to a year of fun-filled learning and exploration.

Let me introduce myself. I graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education. Through my years in teaching, I discovered a passion for working with students who need a challenge, and so I pursued further education. Early this past spring, I received my Gifted and Talented Certification from Hamline University. I previously taught in the Forest Lake School District. I taught 4<sup>th</sup> grade for five years, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade for one, and was a Math Intervention Teacher for one.

I currently live in Forest Lake with my husband of three years, Derrick, and our son, Johnathan. He turned one this past June! Time really does fly! In my spare time, I enjoy reading, spending time with family and friends, playing games, hunting, fishing, traveling, and running.

During my years in college, I was able to travel to Eastern Europe on a Wind Orchestra tour. We studied the culture before being immersed in it for two weeks. I was also lucky to travel to Spain with a friend. All that in addition to learning some Chinese with my 4<sup>th</sup> graders at Scandia have made me truly appreciate learning about other cultures and see great value in it. I am excited to be a part of a school where that is a big philosophy.

I look forward to meeting you and working with your child this school year! If you have questions or concerns or would just like to meet me, I will be available at our Enrollment Conferences.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Strehlow (Strehlow Laoshi)