



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to third grade at Lakes International Language Academy. My name is Xiaogong Pan and I will be your child's teacher for the 2018 – 2019 school year. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

I am originally from a very small town in very northwest of China called Urumqi. In 2016, I received my Bachelor of Arts degree in English Education from Nantong University, China. Then, I decided to come to U.S to further my study and expand my horizons. I chose Minnesota because I like the winter and distinct four seasons climate here, which is very much like my hometown in China. In May of 2018, I graduated from the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities with Master degree in Dual Language and Immersion Education. While at UMN I had many opportunities to go to different elementary schools in Twin Cities area and teach young Chinese learners with different age groups. I had spent a whole school year teaching third graders at a Chinese immersion program in Minnetonka, Minnesota. I love to work with third graders and I am excited to spend a wonderful year with your child as well.

Outside of school, I love to travel. I love to see new places and experience the beauty, food and people of different regions. Among all the places I've visited, Mexico and Japan are my favorite. I also finished a road trip across America (from New York to Los Angeles) in this summer.

I hope that gives you a little insight to who I am. You will have many opportunities to get to know more about me throughout the upcoming year. I am very excited to meet you and your children at the enrollment conferences at the beginning of September. At this meeting I will share more specifically what we will be covering this school year as well as expectations. Feel free to bring any questions or concerns with you.

Sincerely,

*Xiaogong Pan*