



Estimadas familias,

Welcome to 1st grade! My name is Mónica Linares (Profe Mónica) and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as I will be your child's teacher for the next school year. I am so excited that your child is going to be in my class! Let me first start by sharing some information about myself personally and professionally.

I am originally from Madrid (Spain), where I grew up and live with my family. I have always known I wanted to be a teacher and that is why I graduated at CES Don Bosco College (Complutense University of Madrid) where I got my degree in Early Childhood Education with an English focus. As part of my internship, I was able to spend one month in Ireland living with an Irish family. It was a great experience coming across new cultures and traditions as I consider inter-cultural exposure one of the best means of learning.

Some of my passions include traveling and playing sports. This past three years I had the opportunity to travel around the USA and hopefully will be able to continue doing so. Regarding sports, I am black belt 1st DAN in Judo and play soccer since I was 8 years old which allowed me to win two soccer championships at the ages of 16 and 17.

This is my third year of teaching and I am very excited about what the school year holds! Three years ago, I was fortunate enough to work as a Language Ambassador at LILA with Señora Silvia in Kinder. I loved being part of the LILA community and I knew I wanted to stay here. I am so excited to be back as a First Grade teacher again! As I studied at a bilingual IB school I could build up LILA's responsive classroom foundation by using cooperative learning techniques. I couldn't be more excited about the idea of continuing at Lakes International and keep learning and growing up together.

I am looking forward to meeting you at the Welcome Conferences. Feel free to bring any questions or concerns with you. Meanwhile, if you have any questions, please contact me at mlinaires@mylila.org

Have a great summer and see you soon!!

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