



Lakes International

LANGUAGE ACADEMY

AN IB WORLD SCHOOL

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Dear Second Grade Families,

My name is Goyi Muñoz (Profe Goyi) and I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself and express my excitement about working with your child this year. I am a Spanish native who grew up in a small town called Picanya in Valencia. It is located on Spain's eastern Mediterranean coast. I went to an Immersion School in the Catalan Language. Like in LILA, immersion gave me the opportunity to understand that foreign languages are something alive and used outside of the classroom. I went on to obtain a Bachelor's degree in Education with a minor in Foreign Languages.

Throughout my Education degree, I worked as an instructor in a summer school with teenagers in England. This experience emphasized for me how important a foreign language can be for the children's education and culture. I lived in England every summer to improve my English language skills and to learn about another way of life. I love coming across new customs and traditions because I consider inter-cultural exposure one of the best means of learning.

After graduating I had wonderful opportunities to teach diverse groups at two different elementary schools, with students ranging from 7 to 13 years old. There I taught Spanish, English, and Arts in English. These classroom experiences motivated me to earn an additional degree in Educational Psychology, where I learned to develop students' ability to think critically and integrate ideas rather than to just accumulate facts. In order to provide a satisfying learning experience for my students, I take into account my students' imagination and creativity; I believe enjoyable activities are better remembered and learned with humor, love and joy.

Five years ago, I moved to Minnesota and served as a language ambassador at LILA. Four years ago, I joined the second grade team as a classroom teacher. I am very excited to continue teaching at Lakes International, and look forward to welcoming my new students and their families! I welcome comments and suggestions, and I am looking forward to meeting you at our "Welcome Conferences". If you have any questions before then, I can be reached by email at gmunoz@lakesinternational.org

Sincerely,

Goyi Muñoz
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