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您好，二年級的家庭，(Dear Second Grade Families,)

We are about to start an exciting second grade journey and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. My name is Hsia Lao Shi. I was born and raised in Taiwan. After high school, I came to the United States and earned my Bachelor's Degree in Elementary/Special Education from Towson University in Baltimore, MD. While I was attending Towson University, I worked as a 6th grade teacher at a Sunday Chinese school. This will be my third year teaching. In 2012, I taught Kindergarten Mandarin and English at a private Christian school in Maryland. Last year, I taught at LILA second grade along with my co-teacher Ni Lao Shi. This will be my third year working at LILA.

I am the oldest child; I have a younger sister and brother. My parents are currently living in Taiwan. Taiwan is a small country nearby China that is the same size as Maryland. I had been living with my aunt and uncle in Maryland since I came to America. However, I have moved to Minnesota three years ago and really enjoy the outdoor activities here.

This coming year will be my fourth year teaching at LILA and I have gain a lot of knowledge regarding teaching. The first year at LILA I had my own classroom. Then, in the past two years I was working with Ni Lao Shi in a co-teaching setting classroom. It has been a great experience. It will be a different year transition back to having my own classroom. I look forward to working with you and your child. There are scheduled conferences on August 30th and 31th. I would like to use that time to share with you my goals and aspirations for this year as well as learn about your child and respond to any questions or concerns that you may have. If you would like to contact me prior to the conferences, please feel free. My e-mail is yhsia@lakesinternational.org.

Sincerely,

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