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Dear Families,

Welcome to Kindergarten at Lakes International Language Academy! I am excited to share that I will be your student's Kinder teacher for the 2016-2017 school year and would like to tell you a little about myself.

My name is Katie Henry and I am a native Minnesotan. I grew up just South of Forest Lake, where most of my family still resides. I grew up loving to travel and have seen quite a bit of the United States as well as Australia. After receiving my degree in Child Psychology from the U of M, I continued there to receive my teaching license as well as my Masters in Education.

Before LILA, I spent a year as a reading specialist at an International Baccalaureate school in Brooklyn Center, MN, where I worked with very low and very high readers. It was a great experience to be able to work with many grade levels and learning styles. I also became very fond of the IB organization and their methods of teaching through inquiry.

When I decided 8 years ago that I wanted to teach at LILA and needed to get my Spanish back up to par, I spent a month immersing myself in Guatemala, living with a Guatemalan family and studying at a Spanish school. This will be my eighth year teaching at LILA, where I have taught kinder as well as reading support. I have found my passion in kindergarten and really enjoy working with this age group.

I am *Tia Katie* to 11 fun nieces and nephews. I am an animal lover and have 2 big dogs. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, reading, cooking, playing with my dogs and doing art projects.

I am thrilled to spend my year at LILA with you and your student and I look forward to meeting you at our upcoming Kinder Parent Night and Welcome Conferences!

See you soon!

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