

Hola LILA families!!

Welcome to 2nd grade. My name is Luis Vivas (Profe Luis) and I'm excited to be your child's teacher this year. I am a Spanish native speaker that comes from Madrid, Spain. I attended the same school for my entire childhood and was inspired to become a teacher by many of my teachers as well as my older sister. After high school I went on to study at ESCUNI (Complutense University of Madrid) where I got my degree in Elementary Education with an English Focus.

Since the age of 16 I have worked with students between kindergarten and sixth grade in various settings. I tutored students in English and Math, coached basketball, and assisted in classrooms during my student teaching. These experiences allowed me to meet diverse learner with diverse learning needs and solidified even more my desire to become a teacher.

During the last year of my degree I heard about an exchange program that I thought would be a great experience for an English teacher, so I applied for it. Lakes International gave me the opportunity of coming here as a language ambassador, learning about the American culture, living with a host family, learning about the way they teach, and also improving my English. During that school year (2010-2011), I was a teacher assistant for 5th grade and I collaborated with the Amigos program as well. Both experiences were amazing!

I went back to Madrid, where I used to live with my parents, my sister and my grandmother. I started working in a small academy as an English teacher for small groups (K, 2nd and adults), but I realized that I wanted to work here at LILA, a Spanish Immersion School, where I am able to utilize and teach my mother tongue. In 2012 I had the opportunity to come back as a long term substitute in 6th grade. Later on that year I also substitute taught in various other grades. I was then hired on to be second grade teacher for the following year, also I collaborate last year as a basketball coach since I played during 10 years. Now I am starting my fifth year as a classroom teacher, which is so exciting!

I'm looking forward to meeting you at the "Welcome Conferences" at the end of August. If you have any questions before school starts I can be contacted at lvivas@lakesinternational.org

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