

您好, 五年级的家庭,
Hello, dear 5th graders and parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you all. My name is Mengying Zhao and I am going to be your 5th grade Chinese immersion teacher at LILA when you start school in September. You may call me "赵老师(Zhao Laoshi)" which is Chinese for Teacher Zhao.

I earned my Bachelors degree in Teaching Chinese as Second/Foreign Language from Guangdong University of Foreign Study in 2011 then taught Chinese in public school in China for x years. Then I came to the U.S. and studied at the University of Minnesota for my Master's Degree in Education. After my graduation, I volunteered in kindergarten, first grade and second grade classrooms. After that I taught in Kindergarten Chinese Immersion for half a year. I have learned ~~over~~ through these experiences how much I love to teach in elementary school! This will be my first year teaching Chinese immersion at LILA. It is also my first year teaching 5th grade and I'm very excited about it!

In my spare time, I love to pack up my camera and travel around taking pictures at different places. I also enjoy reading and going out with my friends to try different foods in the Twin Cities. I have strong interests in Chinese culture, Chinese language, and I like to share what I have learned and experienced with my students in the process of teaching in the Chinese language.

I am looking forward to meeting my new little friends and I am very excited about the new journey that we will go through together. I believe the children and I will have a wonderful time together this coming year!

Have a great rest of the summer and I will see you soon!

Sincerely,
Zhao Laoshi
(Mengying Zhao)