

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to Xu Laoshi's Fourth Grade! We have a busy and exciting year in store for us. This year is my fifth year teaching Chinese, and my second year at LILA.

I started to have a few pen pals from the United States when I was 10. They opened a world of wonders for me. Since then, I found that cultural exchange is a very fun experience for me. I chose to teach because I really enjoy to explore different cultures and to learn languages; so I initially went to college to become a Chinese teacher. Being born and grown up in Beijing, I had the privilege to build relationships with foreign friends from all parts of the worlds. I dreamed to live in a different country and immerse myself in another culture, which motivated me to study and live in Minnesota. I get the Master's Degree and the Chinese teaching license from the University of Minnesota, and more importantly, my experience of living in a different culture.

My husband is also a Chinese teacher. We spend most of our leisure time traveling, learning new languages, and talking about the interesting stories from our schools. We have a lovely daughter this year, and we would hope to become LILA parents. We are strong believers of the immersion program. We believe that children will benefit greatly from the multilingual and intercultural communication competence, and most importantly, the appreciation of cultural diversity. I think it is a wise decision to choose the immersion program, and I will try my best to live up to your expectations!

If you want to know more about me or have any questions for me, please do not hesitate to contact me at pxu@lakesinternational.org. I will get back to you as soon as possible. I look forward to meeting you at welcome conferences and working with you in the coming year!

Respectfully,
Xu Laoshi

