

Dear First Grade Families,

I'm glad to have a chance to introduce myself to your family. I am a native Mandarin Chinese speaker who grew up in Taiwan. My husband and I moved to the United States 26 years ago. Before that, I was a second grade teacher and got my B. A. degree, majoring in Chinese literature, from Taiwan. I love children and have always enjoyed teaching. In Minnesota, I have worked at the Twin Cities Chinese Language School, Mounds View Schools District, Yinghua Academy, and South Washington School District.

At South Washington School District, I was the Project Manager of the Confucius Classroom Grant and was the Mandarin Chinese teacher at Woodbury Middle School. At Yinghua Academy, I was a first grade lead teacher, a curriculum development team member, an evaluation team member, a Q-comp evaluation team member, and a teacher recruitment committee member. Also, I was the principal of the Twin Cities Chinese Language Weekend School for five years. This summer, I worked as an instructor for the STARTALK Cultural Integration in Proficiency-Oriented Mandarin Instruction and Practice (CIPOMIP), a professional development program for Chinese language teachers at the University of Minnesota.

I have a wonderful husband who works in a biotech company, and two lovely children; my daughter graduated from UC Berkeley this May and my son studies at the U of M.

It's my fifth year at Lakes International. I am very excited to contribute my talent to all the lovely LILA children. I am sure I will have a wonderful year with all of you and your children. I am looking forward to meeting you at the welcome conference.

Best wishes,

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