Hello, dear children 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 Chinese immersion teacher at LILA when you start school this fall. You may call me “赵老师 (Zhao Laoshi)” which is Chinese for Teacher Zhao.

I earned my Bachelor's degree in Teaching Chinese as a Second/Foreign Language from Guangdong University of Foreign Study in 2011 then taught Chinese in public schools in China for a year. 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 through these experiences how much I love to teach in an elementary school!

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’m very excited and looking forward to starting another wonderful year with all of you!

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

Sincerely,
Zhao Laoshi
(Mengying Zhao)