

Hello Parents of My New Class of Wonderful Students,

My Name is Bill McGovern. I have been teaching for almost 9 years now. 7 of those years were overseas teaching in China and Taiwan. I picked some of the language while I was over there and can speak Mandarin and a bit of Japanese, though to be honest I have forgotten a significant amount of my Japanese. I graduated from the University of Idaho with a B.A. in English. I graduated from Nagasaki University of Foreign Studies (長崎外国語大学) with a B.A. in History. I have an ABC Teaching Certificate for Idaho. I also have a Masters in TEFL. Teaching is my passion and I will devote myself in body and spirit to teaching your children as best as I can and give them the education they deserve. I try to mix as many fun activities as I can with learning and while I take your children's education very seriously and always make sure education comes first, I also believe that if learning is fun, they tend to retain the information more.

Here is a short list of the cool things we will be doing and learning next year:

- Chinese - I like to give the kids some Chinese lessons. Not enough to make sure your children will be fluent, but enough to give them a taste and see if it's something they would want to continue.
- Crayfish - We will be studying crayfish as part of our science curriculum and will have live Crayfish in the classroom. Not only will the children learn about all the cool adaptations that crayfish have, but they will learn how to take care of them, and some may even take home a new pet at the end of the study!
- Reading and Math - We will read several pretty cool books throughout the year that will explore different perspectives and narrative styles. We will also learn some really fun math and play games that require the use of division and/or multiplication.

I look forward to meeting your children and having the joy of teaching them!

A journey of 1000 miles begins with a single step.

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