

## Future Professional Goals

- Teaching will continue to be my professional focus. This will be my fourth year teaching at Little Garden Academy, a very small entity that consists of two professional teachers, one music teacher and two families. We follow state standards to coordinate the Chinese and English curriculum; we also allow our curriculum to evolve based on students' interests and needs. It has been a very rewarding experience working with the kids and their families! For the students who started from Kindergarten, we had the first two years to build foundations with listening, character recognition and writing as the main focus. In the third year, we saw their speaking skills soar. Story-telling was used throughout the years. This year my goal for the students is to develop all aspect of their Chinese language skills through reading. I am excited to use the reading and writing materials I found over the summer!
- I will enrich myself through learning. I will continue to attend pedagogical workshops in the field of Chinese teaching; I will continue to attend online courses of my own interests; I will continue to interact with different people to learn from them.
- I will also develop my entrepreneurship. I ran a business for 10 years in the past, which I didn't value that much at the time. Teaching is what gives me more satisfaction. However, there is always that entrepreneur in me that calls on me to do something. I set up a company four years ago to provide an umbrella for my freelance work. I've done tutoring, interpreting, translating, as well as coordinating US summer camp experiences for kids from China, and sending US teachers to China to lead summer camps. This year, I will devote time and energy to launch my business to provide services to a wider clientele.
- I will work on obtaining a teaching licensure in hope that in the near future when all my children are independent, Chinese teaching can take me to see a bigger world. I think I will always come back to my current home though – I can't imagine a better community than the one I have had the good fortune to enjoy for the past 14 years.