



Dear Parents,

My name is Laurie Luebbe and I've had the pleasure of meeting many of you during the Admissions process, but now I would like to introduce myself as your child's Lower School Counselor. In addition to my Community Relations role, I strive to support our lower school children socially and emotionally here at SCIS. Your child's teacher is the primary adult who will be the first to listen and care for your son or daughter, but I am here to offer further support if needed.

I offer responsive services to help your child learn effective and developmentally appropriate strategies in making positive choices, forming and maintaining friendships and dealing with emotions that can be upsetting or challenging. I am not a therapist but someone who will work with a child in finding solutions to problems and issues that arise. I will also be visiting classes and facilitating social/emotional lessons throughout the semester. Some examples of lessons are ones that deal with social skills, embracing our individuality, showing empathy and working together with respect and kindness.

I am here to offer support to you as well so that we as a team can ensure a wonderful year of learning for your child. Joining a new school is an exciting moment in a child's life but can also be an emotionally challenging journey. Many of our new students have just arrived in China and are facing the task of adjusting to a broader community as well.

Please know that I am here to support your child or children as they settle into our wonderful SCIS family and afterwards. There will be ups and downs and know that we are all here to ensure a smooth transition for you all. If you would like to talk or ask questions, don't hesitate to contact me. We are so happy that you have chosen the Shanghai Community International School!

Warm Regards,

Laurie Luebbe

On a side note, we are always looking for parents who are interested in substitute teaching in our lower school. Teaching experience is not necessary, although patience and a love of working with children is essential. Please contact Liz Gale (lower school principal: egale@scis-china.org) or me (lluebbe@scis-china.org) if you are interested.