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Ms. Zhang is a science teacher at the Greek American Institute, teaching studentsin grades 5 through 8.

She earned her bachelor's degree in Environmental Science and Management, with a minorin Entomology, from the University of California, Davis. She later earned her master's degree in Ecology, Evolution, and Environmental Biology from Columbia University.Her academic background includes ecological research, laboratory studies, and fieldwork in the Peruvian Amazon rainforest.

Throughout her academic and professional journey, Ms. Zhang has gained extensive experience in outdoor and environmental education in California, including community outreach programs that connect people with nature and science. These experiences have shaped her belief that meaningful learning happens through curiosity, exploration, and hands-on experiences.

Ms. Zhang is passionate about making science accessible, engaging, and relevant to students' everyday lives. She encourages students to ask questions, think critically, and develop a deeper appreciation for the natural world. She strives to create a supportive classroom environment where students feel empowered to explore their interests and grow as independent thinkers.

In her free time, Ms. Zhang enjoys hiking, traveling, exploring nature, and discovering the biodiversity of the world around her seeing new movies in the theaters, and attending concerts.

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