ELEMENTARY Physical Education with Zorba Nathan - http://istianjinelearning.org/zorbanathan/

The emphasis for Elementary PE is to promote Physical Activity as being fun, and to also develop the skills necessary to prepare our younger students for Physical Education and sport when they reach the higher grade levels. There will also be the opportunity for Elementary students to partake in an after school activities program, and for Upper Elementary students to represent their school in interschool sporting events, both in Tianjin and Beijing, details of which will be forthcoming.

Elementary classes are fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in Physical Education classes twice a week for NPK students up to Grade 2, and 3 times a week for Grades 3, 4 and 5. Physical Education uniforms are compulsory for all students who take part in PE lessons, and will be available for purchase in the main foyer of the Secondary School building during the first two weeks of school. Likewise children must come prepared with correct sports shoes in the interests of student safety.

I am excited to be working with your children again this year, and look forward to seeing you in the near future.

ELEMENTARY MUSIC with Adam Thompson - http://istianjinelearning.org/adamthompson/

World Music is central in my classroom and we explore, play, sing and dance to many different styles of Music from all over the globe. Notation and composition are taught in grades 1-5, more thoroughly in the upper grades, and improvisation is done in all grades. Music is a participatory subject so all students are encouraged to be involved in all classroom activities. Singing is the core of the program and other activities such as drumming, dancing, keyboards and recorders are used as well. I look forward to a fun year at IST and welcome any feedback or comments from parents and students.

ELEMENTARY ART with Amanda Shaw - http://istianjinelearning.org/amandashaw/

The Arts are a powerful mode of communication through which students explore and construct a sense of self and develop an understanding of the world around them.- IST philosophical statement. This year in Elementary Visual Art, students will use a range of media and techniques, explore various artists and cultures, and consolidate their working understanding of the elements and principles that are fundamental in art. Through exposure to these tools and areas of knowledge, and through developing their artistic eye, students will learn to produce artistic creations that they can be pleased with and display with pride. Activities will frequently relate to the Units of Inquiry being
studied in class. I am greatly looking forward to working with all students this year. I know we will have a fantastic year, unlocking hidden talents and developing new skills. Please visit the blog for photographs of student work throughout the year.

THE PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME (PYP) – Rachel McLeod -  
http://istianjinelearning.org/rachelmcleod

The Primary Years Programme is an inquiry-based programme that fosters an all-encompassing approach and values the development of understandings, knowledge, skills, attitudes and student action.

Students at IST engage in meaningful learning experiences that aim to build on a strong foundation in Literacy and Numeracy as well as provide meaningful contexts to explore concepts in Science, Social Studies and the Arts.

As the Programme Coordinator I work with all teaching teams in the Elementary to discuss, plan and provide support in the implementation of the curriculum.

I am delighted to be a part of IST’s wonderful staff and international community.