



# CHIRPS

FROM MISS MICHELE & MRS. WARD

Hello and Happy New Year!

We hope this issue of Chirps finds you and your family doing well. Our wish for our learning community for 2022 is a year filled with learning, wonder, joy, and good health!

At the ELC, we are looking forward to the second half of the school year! Across the building, our students are getting back into the swing of things following the winter break. Our staff has planned a lot of learning, SEL & readiness skills practice, and fun for the remainder of the year.

We wish you well!

*Miss Michele & Mrs. Ward*

The following is from 'Standards Start at Home: A Guide to Early Learning for Parents/Families' produced by the Illinois Early Learning Project. This resource contains simple suggestions for parents of young children and is aligned with the Illinois Early Learning & Development Standards.

## ***Tips for Promoting Healthy Socialization in Children***

- Provide times for social interaction and coach your child on how to act. Give positive feedback for good behavior (e.g., "You and John are taking turns") and redirect negative behavior (e.g., "You use this blue truck while Jon uses the red one, or else you can do a puzzle until he is finished.")
- If you are comfortable doing so, check into free playgroups if your child isn't usually with other children their age. Local parent centers, YMCAs & YWCAs, religious groups, or park districts may offer playgroups.



Our Classroom Spotlight this week features Room 130. Mrs. Jozwiak, Miss Aly, Miss Claudia, Ms. Garcia, Miss Jessica, and Ms. Kenmotsu are the team of talented educators supporting the children in Room 130. From Mrs. Jozwiak, "It is exciting to see the growth taking place in the classroom each and every day. The children have gained so much confidence and independence and are becoming amazing problem solvers!"

Mrs. Jozwiak shares a favorite quote/motto: "Teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best." ~ Bob Talbert

Please enjoy the photos below from Room 130.



## **Important Information:**

- With the onset of winter, please dress your child for cold weather conditions. If you need assistance with winter outerwear (coats, hats, gloves, mittens), please contact the school office. Please label your child's jacket, hat, etc with their name. You can write your child's name on the tag of the item, and this helps us identify to whom an item belongs should it get misplaced.
- We appreciate your efforts in ensuring that you are sending your child to school healthy. Keeping our school community safe and healthy is a top priority, and we appreciate your cooperation and support in this endeavor. When your child is ill, please keep them home until they are better and feel well. Please call the school office at (847) 593-4306 or attendance line at (847) 472-3899 to let us know your child won't be at school and the reason for the absence. If the school nurse needs to follow up for any reason, she will contact you.

## **Important Dates:**

- **Monday, January 10** - Board of Education Meeting @ 6 pm
- **Monday, January 17** - No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

