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FROM MISS MICHELE & MRS. WARD



A Word from Miss Michele, ELC Principal

Dear ELC Families,

We had a wonderful start to the school year at the ELC. Students are beginning to learn routines and expectations, and are engaged in learning and exploring their school environment. It was wonderful to welcome our students to school and connect with all of you!

We are fortunate to have a number of community partners that support our school, students, and staff. One of our most important partners is the Mount Prospect Police Department. Not only do they keep us safe and help us with our State mandated safety drills, this year they will be greeting our students upon arrival to school on select Fridays throughout the year. "Fist Bump Fridays" as the program is called, helps our students build positive relationships with one of our most important community helpers- our police officers.

Speaking of safety, our State mandated safety drills have gone well. We practiced an evacuation/fire drill, a shelter-in-place and lockdown drill, and a bus evacuation drill. Our students and staff, with the support of our Mount Prospect First Responders, did a wonderful job safely responding to these drills.

Enjoy the long weekend!
Wishing you well!

Miss Michele

At Home Learning

[Standards Start at Home: A Guide to Early Learning for Parents/Families](#)

- This guide is meant to help parents understand that the lessons necessary to meet state learning standards begin in the home with their child's first and most influential teachers: their parents.

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Drop Off & Pick Up Procedures

If you drop off/pick up your child at school please follow these guidelines for the safety and well-being of all:

- The parking lot will be closed at drop off & pick up times. There is NO PARKING in the ELC or Holmes Jr High parking lots during drop off & pick up, please.
- If you choose to drive your student to/from school, we ask that you use follow these guidelines:
 - Use the Kiss & Ride lane
 - Display your pick up number on the right, passenger side window
 - Drive slowly and safely
 - Do not drive over the curb or in the wrong direction
 - Pull forward and then stop as directed near the signs by the crosswalk
 - Do not leave your car unattended
 - When a staff member approaches your car, please exit your car at that time to either pass off or receive your child
 - Be aware of the STOP & GO sign

If you'd like, you may park in a legal space on the street and walk to the WALKERS drop off/pick up area to the left of the main entrance. You will be able to walk up and drop off or pick up your child in this area. You will need your pick up number sign. If you walk up to drop off/pick up your child please:

- *Please do not go to the vestibule of the school for WALKERS drop off or pick up*
- Be aware of traffic
- Cross at the crosswalk
- Stand away from the curb
- Cross at the crosswalk when told it is safe to do so

Please be patient as we work to safely bring your child in and out of the school building. Working together I am confident we can keep the arrival/dismissal process running smoothly and safely.

Important Dates

Monday, September 5, 2022 - No School Non-attendance Day Labor Day
Friday, September 9, 2022 - Back to Football Friday, Students & Staff may wear their favorite sports team t-shirts, jersey, etc.

