

# Birth to 3 News

December 2025

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## Welcome Back!

It has been a great start to the 25-26 school year in Birth to 3! It is our pleasure to partner with you as your child's first, best and most important teacher. Our newsletter shows some of our celebrations so far this year. It also shares what is coming up and some helpful information for families. Thank you for reading!

## Parent-Child Groups

### Family Groups at ELC

We have loved hosting families at the Early Learning Center for groups. This school year, we have hosted 27 groups, offering a variety of ways for parents to learn new skills, meet other parents and support their child in early learning.

Birth to 3 Groups offer something for every family and every child, from the tiniest babies to our students who are ready for preschool.

- Parent Child play groups
- Infant Massage
- Mothers and Babies (stress management)
- Fathers' Group
- Weekly Library Group (everyone who attends goes home with a book!)



- Support group for families who have children with diverse needs
- Parent Advisor Group
- Twice yearly Family Celebration events

We also took 2 field trips to the Cosely Zoo! All our groups and field trips provide parents the chance to explore something new with their child, meet others in their community and grow in their parenting skills. We are looking forward to our January Reading Celebration which will be held on 1/28!



## Parent Child Interaction

### Something to try: offering choices

When parents offer their children choices when playing, their children do better on school readiness tasks when they get older! Even little babies can make choices and this helps their brains grow and develop.

Babies can make choices by looking at a toy they like. They might also grab for a toy or move their body towards a toy.

Toddlers might point to a toy they like. They might also make sounds to tell you what they want to play with.

Older toddlers may start to use a word or part of a word. They may say things like "no" to make a choice or "B-b-b" to tell you they want a book.

How does your child respond when you offer them a choice?





## Activity Bag Fun!

December Activity Bags are going out now! This month's bag offers lots of materials for you to interact with your child and help get them ready to go to school one day.

- ★ Talk to your child about colors and sizes as you make a craft
- ★ Point to the pictures in a winter or holiday book as you talk about the pictures
- ★ Shake the bells for your child and talk to them about what you hear.
- ★ Have them shake the bells "up high" or "down low"
- ★ Roll the ball and talk about the shape, color or how it moves

Most of all-HAVE FUN!



## Literacy

### Books, Books, Books!

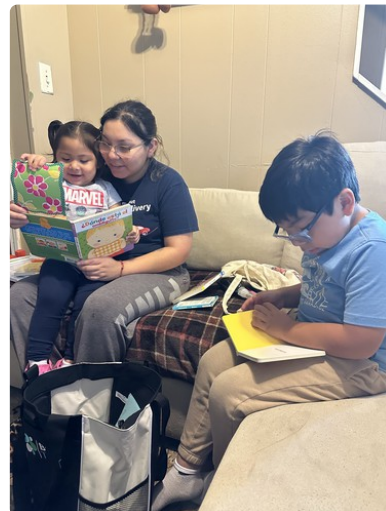
Birth to 3 Families are raising readers! Our Program goal is to support all families to increase how often they read or tell stories to their child. Many families also write a family goal to work with literacy skills as well.

Our Program offers many ways for families to help support early reading skills.

- Every family chooses 2 books each month to keep

- Families are offered a "book bin" to keep their child's books
- Weekly Library story group where each family goes home with a copy of the book
- Book Tracking Program where families can earn prizes for tracking how often they read
- Book sharing at every group and a book to take home too!
- Home Visit activities that use books
- Twice year "Reading Celebration" Family events

One of the most important ways you can help your child be ready to go to school one day is by sharing books with them every single day!



## Resource of the Month!

### WeGo Community Market

Did you know that the Community Market has recently moved to the Early Learning Center? The Market is open every Tuesday 4:00pm to 6:00pm. The market offers families who live in West Chicago a variety of food choices including fruit, vegetables and milk.



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Together  
For Kids



## WeGo Community Market

Located: Early Learning Center  
300 E. Forest Ave, door 1

**Open Every**  
**Tuesday**  
**4pm - 6pm**

The WeGo Community Market serves families who live in West Chicago and have children ages 0-18. Access to all of People's Resource Center (PRC) services are free.

**Closures may happen due to weather or holidays.**

Other services PRC offers: computer access and training, emergency rent and mortgage assistance, financial assistance, job assistance, adult literacy, art, and clothes closet.

For additional information visit [www.peoplesrc.org](http://www.peoplesrc.org) or call 630-682-5402



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Ubicado: Early Learning Center  
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**Abierto Cada**  
**Martes**  
**4pm - 6pm**

El WeGo Community Market atiende a familias que viven en West Chicago y tienen niños de 0 a 18 años.

El acceso a todos los servicios del People's Resource Center (PRC) es gratis.

Los cierres de despensa pueden ocurrir debido al clima o días festivos.

Otros servicios que ofrece PRC: acceso a computadoras y entrenamiento, asistencia de emergencia para el pago de alquiler e hipoteca, asistencia financiera, asistencia para la búsqueda de empleo, alfabetización de adultos, arte, y ropero.

Para información adicional  
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## Now Enrolling!

The Birth to 3 Program is currently enrolling new families! If you know anyone who is expecting a baby or who has young children, share what you love about the Program. Refer a family and you will receive a thank you gift! (Family must go through registration process)



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WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS DISTRICT 33

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Equip students to become life-long learners who embrace diversity, welcome innovation, and aspire to be catalysts for positive change and growth.



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