

Parents, we hope that everyone has had the opportunity to register and browse around the Teaching Strategies GOLD website. If you have not been invited please check with your child's teacher or Mr. Angelo to ensure that we have the correct email address on file. Be sure to complete the Survey about our school that is located on the website. If you have any questions please feel free to speak with Mr. Angelo in the office. **To All Parents, As the weather is changing here in our great city, it is imperative that all parents check their child's cubby to ensure that they have an adequate change of clothing in case they need to be changed for any reason. Parents can check for school closings due to severe weather as well. This information can be found on the last page of the Parent Handbook or go to [www.emergencyclosingcenter.com](http://www.emergencyclosingcenter.com)**

## Past/Current Events

The month of January was very busy with the beginning of the New Year. Many classes have gone back to their usual daily schedules and curriculum. Parents, please be sure to check the emergency weather center website about any school closings.

## Important News

**To All Parents**, be aware that we are having a contest in our school in regards to the Parent Survey on our school website at [www.toddlerstownchicago.com](http://www.toddlerstownchicago.com) and would appreciate everyone's feedback. Once all of the survey confirmation sheets are handed in there will be a drawing. The winner will receive \$150 off their tuition.

## Chipmunks Class

Hello Parents, Family and Friends! I am so very excited about joining the Chipmunk Classroom. The students have improved so much. For the month of February we will be discussing Valentine Day as well as Black History Month. We will be discussing many different African-Americans throughout the month. We will have several projects surrounding the idea of love and Black History. We will talk about the many inventions created by African-Americans. During this month, we will also focus on a letter and number for each week. I encourage parents to ask your children the letter and number of each week and practice them at home. Feel free to talk with the classroom teachers if you have any questions or concerns.

I want to thank all the parents for participating in our Family Collages. We have hung them around the classroom and they look great. The kids enjoy introducing their friends to their families.

## Sharks Classroom

Dear Parents, we are already in the second month of the New Year. We just have finished learning about winter animals, Martin Luther King Day and Hibernation. This month we will talk about pets, dental hygiene, Presidents' Day and the Winter Olympics. The weeks of the month will be filled with lots of artwork, counting games, physical activities, etc. This month we will learn the letters P O W and D. we will continue counting backwards 10-0. We will focus on the shapes like circle & triangle. Children are responding very well to the "clue game". So, we will continue the game and parents also can try this game at home, which will help them develop their thinking skills.

## Bumblebees Classroom

February has finally come and you're finally feeling what winter has to offer. Some of our Bumblebees have experienced our winter wonderland season as well; when the weather wasn't too cold outside. We are hoping for some warmer weather, as our little ones need to get some fresh air. In the month of February we have many exciting activities in store in bumblebee classroom. Our class will be learning color green in Spanish and Families! Since Black History month is also February we will focus more on different cultures. I will explain to the children we may look different but we are all the same. We will compare and contrast. We will also be having a little Valentine party and have a cookie - decorating day as well. We are asking that parents bring in a picture of the little ones when they were babies and we will play the guessing game. Letter of the month: L, M and N.

## Butterfly Classroom

Greetings Parents, Family and Friends! The butterfly classroom has evolved so much in the last few months. The students have been learning more about phonics and they have been doing an incredible job rhyming words. One way you can reinforce these skills at home is by having your child identify all the sounds that their name makes and a rhyming activity can be you singing 'Down by the Bay'. We love to hear their ideas. Starting in February we will be studying and learning about Black History Month and the many contributions and inventions created by African-Americans. There will be a project of some sort before the month is over so stay tuned for details! If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to speak with one of the classroom teachers.