

August 2018

Dear Beard Families,

Welcome to Room 121!

My name is Natalie Episcopo and I would like to welcome your family to Room 121! I will be your child's teacher for the 2017-2018 school year. I have nine professional years of experience working with students with special needs. I also have a brother with Autism and Down Syndrome, who was the reason I became a teacher. I received my Bachelors Degree from University of Illinois, and my Masters in Special Education from Northeastern Illinois University. Most recently, I have obtained my English Language Learners endorsement!

The staff in our classroom include: Cherry, Elena and Eduardo (classroom aides). We will also have a student teacher (Ellen) joining us from Loyola this year!

**Our lunch and recess period will be from 10:45-11:30am daily. Library/Art/Gym will be held from 1:15-2:15, daily.**

If your child has special dietary needs, please include a small snack in their backpack and/or a list of approved snacks your child may eat/drink. We will provide schedule snack times throughout the day. If your child requires food to be warm, please send the food in a thermos.

I will communicate with you daily via Clasdojo and our parent/teacher communication binder. The binder should travel to school daily with your child. Please check it daily, for homework and important papers.

You will also find a school supply list attached to this letter. I ask that each family provides the classroom with supplies every quarter, if you can.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at [nbepiscopo@cps.edu](mailto:nbepiscopo@cps.edu), writing in your child's binder, or messaging me through Class Dojo!

I am looking forward to a fun and exciting school year!

Sincerely,

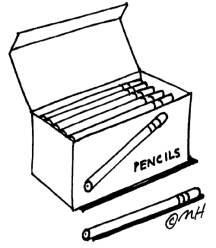
Natalie Episcopo





# Getting to know you!

Please fill out the following form and return it to school with your child as soon as possible.  
Thank you!



Welcome! I am so excited about the new school year and having your child in my classroom. To help me get to know your child before the year begins, please fill out this information and return it to me as soon as you can

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nicknames: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies/Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

What is he/she best at? \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings: \_\_\_\_\_

Pets: \_\_\_\_\_

3 words to describe your child: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Any special information I should know (new baby, new job, new house, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

What is the best way to communicate with you (e-mail, notes, call, in person, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

Please include any additional helpful information below.

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Thank you very much!  
Natalie