

Welcome to Grove Avenue School

Our school has served as a recognized symbol of quality education for over fifty years in this community. Our enrollment of 530 children represents wide diversity in family background and cultural heritage. Grove is the home of twenty-four kindergarten through fifth grade classrooms; and a self-contained autistic classroom which adds to our cherished student diversity.

Our Grove Family is committed to attaining the goals in our mission statement... *to respect the needs of each child and to create a nurturing learning environment that fosters compassion, curiosity, self-discipline, independence and confidence.* Our work leads to significant success because of the partnership we form with students, staff, parents and community members to get the job done. We are never totally satisfied with our work because we know we can always strive for further greatness for a particular child or group of them. This quest leads to growth and renewal every year for both educators and students.

In 2007 Grove Avenue School was designated as The Exemplary Program of Reading for the State of Illinois by the International Reading Association. This is a significant honor celebrating the amazing celebration of reading that takes place every day at our school. In 2007 we also won our second Blue Ribbon School Award from the Department of Education recognizing our excellence. In addition, the *Chicago Sun Times* listed Grove as one of the top ten public elementary schools in the state.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of any service to you. My e-mail address is ckalogeropoulos@cusd220.org; my phone number is 847-842-7420.