

It takes a village to raise a child.
It takes a child to inspire a city.



Third grade teachers and their students can change the future. As part of the Burnham Plan Centennial, which celebrates the progress Chicago has made because of the plan Chicago adopted in 1909, third grade students are writing letters to the Mayor. The letters will really go to the Mayor. Your third grade students' ideas could be part of Chicago's future progress.

So far we have received letters with ideas such as:

- Farms in every neighborhood
- Air-conditioned schools
- Laws that you must recycle
- After-school programs all year round
- Free Internet for everyone

Now it's your students' turn—ask them to think big and write their own plans. They may collaborate so that two or three students send one letter. Ask them to be creative. We are providing outlines to help plan the letters as a resource.

Letters should go to:

Geralynn Marshall
Office of Literacy
9th floor
GSR # 125

Include your school name and teacher name when you send the letters. Your class will receive an acknowledgement of this inspiring contribution to Chicago's progress.

PLEASE SEND THE LETTERS BY MAY 15TH.

If you have questions about this project, please contact the Polk Bros. Foundation Center for Urban Education at 312-362-5155 or email teacher@depaul.edu.

Thank you for inspiring your students.

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