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CPS Experiments with Language Through Science

Leap Learning Systems has been Tapped by Chicago Public Schools to Participate in an Early Childhood Science Materials Pilot

WHAT: Chicago Public Schools' Office of Math and Science Instruction, in conjunction with the Office of Early Childhood Education, is leading a science materials pilot and is using **Language Through Science** as one of the trial programs.

WHY: Currently there is nation-wide concern about lagging science and math scores. Locally, an age-appropriate science curriculum for the preschool classroom has not been identified to help address this issue. In search of a high-quality program to fill this need, Chicago Public Schools has identified **Leap Learning Systems'** Language Through Science program as a potential solution.

WHERE: Participating pilot schools are: Ellen Mitchell Elementary School, Wendell Smith Elementary School, John D. Shoop Math and Science Technical Academy, Wolfgang A. Mozart Elementary School, Jesse Sherwood Elementary School.

WHEN: Teachers participating in the pilot study use Language Through Science weekly, and will meet five times this spring to discuss their classroom experiences in focus groups. Remaining meeting dates are May 13, 27 and June 4.

HOW: Language Through Science is a unique program that strengthens children's language development while encouraging their interest in science. Implementation is overseen by Professional Development Coaches, and training is provided to teachers.

WHO: Leap Learning Systems is a leader in teacher training and language-focused curricula development. Language Through Science was developed by seasoned early childhood educators who understand the daily demands of classroom teachers, and speech-language pathologists, who are studied in children's early language development.

Language Through Science was developed with support by The Searle Funds at The Chicago Community Trust, the Polk Bros. Foundation and the Lloyd A. Fry Foundation.

Leap Learning Systems is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to results-driven language and literacy development. Language Through Science debuted in eight Chicago Public Schools last year, and is currently being implemented in four schools, in addition to the schools participating in the pilot.

Leap Learning Systems partners with schools and agencies in Chicago and annually reaches about 3,000 educators, students and their families. We provide quality programs and training that help children from preschool through high school build lifelong language and literacy skills.

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