

## CHICAGO: My Neighborhood - II

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Andre (11<sup>th</sup> gr.) NEIGHBORHOOD -- DESCRIPTION

I choose people in my neighborhood, also parks and playgrounds and families there, too.

Some people in my neighborhood are not that friendly. Some people are really rude and crude to other people. Why I say this is because gangs and drug dealers. They have different nationalities, like Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, blacks, or just Latinos -as.

Some families I meet and my mom thinks they are really sweet. Maybe sometimes they are really sneaky and with gang related or a family member that has to do with gang related. When people from other cities come over in Chicago or Illinois, sometimes I look at them strange for a while. Some people and family are different and I can respect that. I have no problem.

Now what I think about the playground is that it is actually really bad and a lot of gangs be hanging around a lot, at night time especially. What I don't like about this neighborhood is that's where we are trying to make the world a better place with block parties and challenges. I just want to make this neighborhood and world a better and greener world.

The beaches and lakes in my neighborhood are dirty and filthy. I don't like this because it's not good for the people and fishes and other animals. What I think we are capable of doing is we can stop littering or quit cutting down trees and smoking. This is not good for us because we can all be ruined and destroyed. I don't know why this is happening. We need to make this a better world and a better place to live in.

Leoncio M. (3<sup>rd</sup> gr.)

I like my neighborhood because I could play outside and I like it because I have a friend and his sister's name is Khristiana and sometimes I play soccer with the brother of Judit and that's why I like my neighborhood.

Brayant S. (5<sup>th</sup> gr.) APARTMENTS IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD

There are a lot of apartments in my neighborhood. The apartments look different. Some of the apartments have different colors. My apartment is red. My neighbor's color is white. Some are tall buildings. I like my neighborhood the best at night.

Myreanna S. (5<sup>th</sup> gr.)

I live on Winthrop. In my neighborhood I have a beach, transportation, and two parks. Let me tell you about those things.

I have two parks in my neighborhood. One is named Cedar Park and the other park is my school's park, named Goudy School Park. Most kids go to Goudy Park because they go to Goudy School. It has slides and a field. My favorite part of Goudy School Park is the field because me and my friend walk around the field talking.

I have a lot of transportation in my neighborhood. There are buses and trains in my neighborhood. I don't use the bus and train because I don't go anywhere. I can walk to school.

There is one school in my neighborhood. Its name is Goudy School. It is an elementary school. It goes from kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Edwin L. (5<sup>th</sup> gr.) PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Parks and playgrounds in my neighborhood are fun because in one of the parks that I live close to you could wet yourself, and when you go to the slide you can slide faster and you would fall down and that's fun. The park in my school is a little fun because I get bored sometimes and kids below 4<sup>th</sup> grade could play there, but grades 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> can't play in the park. I get bored sometimes because some of my friends leave early and some of my friends aren't fun, so I leave with my sister. We go to our house. Some of my friends aren't fun because they just talk until they leave and they don't say anything interesting. Sometimes I run around the park and wait for my sister.

Edgar R. (5<sup>th</sup> gr.)

I live in the Uptown neighborhood. There are transportations, families, and after school programs.

Transportation is fun because they have trains, and buses. You need a card that has money so you can use the bus and trains.

There are families that have children and some families have pets. Others have pets like snakes, birds, mice, cats and dogs.

There are after school programs in the neighborhood. I have been in after school programs. There are some that take you to the park or only do all your homework.

Awat G. (4<sup>th</sup> gr.) I live in Chicago, on Sunnyside. I have a lot of things in my neighborhood. I play soccer and the team is called Tiger. I have made 17 goals and I got the trophy. In the backyard I play with my friend. We have snowball fights. I go to the library and play on the computer.

Yaheim S. (4<sup>th</sup> gr.)

In my neighborhood there are two parks. In the park I play catch with my brother. Sometimes I play fetch with my dogs, Precious and Malcolm.

In my neighborhood I go see my next door neighbors every weekend. I go see them, to play with them. We play hide and go seek.

In my house every week I do homework, and every weekend I go to tutoring. I get help from Leo my tutor.

I have snow ball fights with my friends. I go sledding and it's fun.

David R. (6<sup>th</sup> gr.)

I live in Edgewater. Some of my favorite parts of my neighborhood are the park, store, and beach.

I like to go to Cedar Park. I like to play soccer with my friends. There are always a lot of people at the park. My other thing that I like playing in the park is ball tag because we get tag with a ball and then you're tag and then you need to tag someone else with the ball.

I like to go to Target. I like to get at Target some video games and shoes and clothes for parties. I like Target because you can buy electronics and computers, TV's and cameras.

I like going to the beach. I like to go to the beach because you can play in the water, play with your friends, play with sand and make sand castles. I like swimming in the water because it's fun. You can race people or sometimes play with the water.

Sheila M. (3<sup>rd</sup> gr.) My family lives in Chicago. North Winthrop is where our family lives. Edina lives near me.

Karah P. (5<sup>th</sup> gr.)

The schools in my neighborhood are good but one school is kind of bad and has a lot of gang bangers. My school is very small, especially our auditorium. It's like the size -- a smaller version of a house, but our school is very good. We have Field Day and the first week of school we have to wear no uniform. I love this because I hate wearing a uniform.

At school I hang out with my friends and we are doing a garden project at school and whoever wins their design will be made into our Goudy Garden over spring break. I hope you enjoyed my story about my neighborhood.

Keily F. (5<sup>th</sup> gr.)

My name is Keily F. I live in the Uptown neighborhood with my mom, dad, my two brothers, my sister, and my dog. The best parts of my neighborhood are the school, the beach, and my friends.

My friends that live in my neighborhood are Judy, Blanca, Marsilla, and my dog Lucky. These are my friends that live in my neighborhood. We play tag together in the park. We go to school together every day.

I walk to the school from my home every day. I live close to my school. My teacher's name is Mr. Golden. My favorite part of school is writing.

LaMarr S. (5<sup>th</sup> gr.)

My neighborhood is a great neighborhood. We have lots of people living around me. Most kids don't talk, but we have many kids at the park. Some times I go to the park when I don't have anything to do. Most of the time I play my game. The after school program's name is Inspired Youth Program. We do many things there. We do math, reading, and grammar.

Eduardo G. (6<sup>th</sup> gr.)

My neighborhood is North Chicago. My favorite things about North Chicago are the schools, the Asian stores, and after school programs.

Schools in North Chicago are closest to my house. All of my friends live in my neighborhood and go to a school close to me. I have a lot of friends, but not all go to the same school.

South East Asian stores in North Chicago have Chinese food. They don't only sell Chinese food, but other Asian things as well.

I live in Chicago. I have lived there for one year. I like where I live.

In my neighborhood I go to school at Goudy. I like going to school, and I have a lot of friends. Some teachers are nice.

There are a lot of apartments where I live. All of the apartments are bigger than my apartment. All the apartments are almost the same color.

Where I live there are after school programs. They help you do your homework. After you're done you get free time.

Josephine A. (3<sup>rd</sup> gr.)

In my neighborhood there are some after school programs. It's fun because they give us computers. We sometimes have a party. I have some friends in the program.

Salina B. (3<sup>rd</sup> gr.) I have many apartments in my neighborhood. There are two big buildings and two small buildings. The two buildings have 16 and 17 floors. The two small buildings have three. I live in an apartment. But they are fixing my apartment, so now I live in my grandmother's apartment. Her apartment only has one bedroom.

Kedus K. (4<sup>th</sup> gr.)

My neighborhood is the best because it has beaches close to them. There are lots of parks, and it is fun there.

My neighborhood is Edgewater. I like it there in Edgewater because it's fun there.

The parks and playground in my neighborhood is 5900 N. Winthrop, and my school is there. It's called George B. Swift School.

The beach I go to in my neighborhood is called Foster Beach. It is sunny and very hot there in the summer, and there is a snack bar where you get food, like a restaurant, but it's outside.

Gerardo G. (7<sup>th</sup> gr.)

I live on Winnemac. I've lived in this neighborhood for five years. My favorite thing about my neighborhood is that it's close to the beach. My neighborhood is also close to my school. I could walk to school. I like to go to Navy Pier.

I go to the park with my siblings. I play tag with my brother. There is a swing set there. There are two apartments next to the park.

My school's name is St. Thomas of Canterbury. This is my ninth year in that school. My sister used to go there and now my brother goes there. I could walk to school.

I live in an apartment. There are six apartments in my building. Most of the apartments are small.

Aman B. (5<sup>th</sup> gr.)

I have parks and a playground in my neighborhood. I have apartments in my neighborhood (that is my house), the beach, and lake and families and a basketball court.

Arturo P. (5<sup>th</sup> gr.)

In my neighborhood there is transportation, schools, beaches. Today I am going to write about all of these things.

First, in my neighborhood there is a beach. The beach is called Foster beach. At the beach there is lots of sand and water. There are also bathrooms so you can change. We can play with the sand or go in the water.

There are also schools in my neighborhood. I go to the school and they take us outside and to field trips. It is so cool at school. I like school because it is fun. If you went to my school you will think it is fun.

In my neighborhood there is transportation. There are buses and there are trains. Outside my house there is a bus stop, and by my house there is a train station. And sometimes taxis pass by. Those are the kinds of transportation in my neighborhood.

LilyAnn B. (7<sup>th</sup> gr.)

My neighborhood - I like where I live in my neighborhood. There are places to live, go to school, and go to church.

The people live in the tall building. When I go in the tall building and look out the window, the people look like ants because I am high and they are close to the ground.

There are no neighborhood cemeteries. We can swim at the beach. I see the playground. It has swings and slides. It has a basketball court.

There is one store by my house. The store's name is Dominick's. They sell food at Dominick's.

Saiffom G. (3<sup>rd</sup> gr.)

Some time I go outside and play and I go to Target and Jewel-Osco. I live near Target, and my school is St. Mary's of the Lake. My favorite place is Target because it has video games, toys, bikes, footballs, cereal box, and a horn. I like going to Target with my brother. That's my favorite part of my neighborhood.