

# Mrs. Surdyk

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Highcrest! As the school year is quickly approaching, I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Erica Surdyk and I will be your child's Learning Behavior Specialist (LBS) this year.

I am very much looking forward to working with you this year and thought that you may want to know little bit about me before we officially meet! I received my Bachelor's degree from Indiana University and received dual certification in both Special Education and Elementary Education. From there, I began my teaching career at Highcrest. In addition, I have completed my Master's degree in Early Childhood Special Education from Northeastern Illinois University. In 2009, I received my National Board Certification in the area of Special Education. This will be my 21<sup>st</sup> year teaching at Highcrest.

On a personal note, I was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio. My husband and I now reside in Northbrook. We have two daughters, Hailey (9) and Callie (7). They bring us such joy, and keep us very busy! It was so wonderful being able to spend the summer with them.

Parent-teacher communication is extremely important to me. I plan to keep a two-way line of communication open throughout the year by sending home updates on your child's progress as well as all other pertinent information. It is my goal to work with your child and guide him/her through this transitional and important time in his/her life.

I know we will have a fantastic year together! Throughout the year, please feel free to contact me at [surdyke@wilmette39.org](mailto:surdyke@wilmette39.org).

Sincerely,

Erica Surdyk