

## May 2011

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe May is here already! It seems we just got started with your children and soon we will say so long for the summer. They've made such amazing progress this year! If anyone is interested in a CD of pictures we have taken throughout the year, please see Nancy to order and pay for it (\$5) with your last month's tuition payment. The CD with pictures of your child's class must be ordered in advance and will be available to pick up the last day at graduation.

Parent / Teacher conferences will be held Tuesday, 5/3 and Wednesday, 5/4, during regular school hours, so there will not be class for the children.

We are offering Spring Class Pictures again this year. The Pre-Kindergarten classes will have regular pictures taken, plus a photograph with graduation gown and sash. Everyone is welcome to bring props from home to include in the photograph. Lifetouch will be taking the pictures.

Safety Town will be held for eight weeks this summer and is open to children entering kindergarten in the fall. Registrations can be made by calling the Safety Council after May 2 at **513-423-9758**, or visit their website [www.safetycouncilswohio.org/safetytown.html](http://www.safetycouncilswohio.org/safetytown.html).

Registration packets are still available for 2011/2012 school year. Early registration fee will be in effect until the end of May, but the regular registration fee goes into effect on June 1. Registration applications will be accepted throughout the summer.

In regards to graduation, the day will begin at the regular time for the children. Everyone is welcome to attend the graduation ceremony that will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, 5/26, in the sanctuary. Those who are helping supply the refreshments should bring the food to school during class time on Thursday. We also need help setting up the reception. The children in a Pre-K class will need to be their rooms by 6:30 p.m. to get into their gowns and collect any last items from their mailbox. The younger children need to line up in their room by 6:45 p.m. Please have one adult family member pick them up at their room and sign them out for the last time before proceeding to the reception.

### **Building Self-Esteem Show your preschooler love, acceptance and respect**

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Your child wants what we all want--acceptance, respect and caring from those around us. At this age (and for many years to come), the person your child needs this most from is you. Here are some ways to show it:

- Value your child's opinion. "I didn't make dinner plans yet. What would you like?" "What's the best TV show for kids?" "What's the coolest place we've ever gone together?" Get his input on these kinds of questions and more.
- Value your child's interests. You don't always have to join in. Often, saying something like "I noticed you really like to build with blocks" is enough.
- Value your child's help. Feeling competent is usually a sure route to self esteem. Have your child help you with a small chore--folding, stirring, putting away--at least twice a day.
- Value your child's company. Take your child places with you when it is appropriate for him to join you. Tell him you are glad he is along. Later, tell him what a nice time you had with him.

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**Feature Teacher** – Carolyn Smith joined the Sunshine teaching staff as a substitute teacher last year. She began this year teaching Wednesday and Friday mornings in Room 112, with the youngest class, then added the Tuesday-Thursday class in January, when Janice stepped down to substitute teacher. Carolyn is active in her home church, Towne Blvd, and is the mother of a former Sunshine student, Richie, and a current student, Molly.

### **Lastly, just a few reminders.**

Please label back packs and coats, especially new spring jackets.

- Dress children for outside play. We plan to get out on the playground more this last month of school.
- Soft-soled, sturdy shoes are required for gym or playground. (Sandals and slip-ons are **not** appropriate.)
- Please call school (424-1887) if your child will miss class for any reason. Please report all illnesses.
- Registration packets for next school year are available from Nancy.
- Vacation Bible School (July 17-21) The Big Apple Adventure 6:30 – 9:15 pm.

Thank you for a wonderful year at Sunshine Preschool at Breiel Church!

*The Sunshine Preschool at Breiel Church Staff*