

January 2012

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas season and vacation. We wish to extend a thank you to everyone who brought refreshments or paper supplies for our Christmas Program, or if you helped set up for the reception. Thank you, also, to everyone who participated in our Pizza and Cookie Dough Sale. We hope you like your Lifetouch photos. Please purchase or return them by 1/6.

We have an Evening with Dad planned for this month at 7 pm on Friday, January 27. We are hoping fathers and/or grandfathers can join us for the sports themed evening. More details will be sent home in the middle of January.

Winter seems to be the season for illnesses. The children have been doing a great job covering mouths with the crook of an elbow when coughing and using a new tissue when blowing noses, throwing tissues away and then washing hands. We urge you to watch for symptoms of flu, chicken pox, head lice, pinkeye and strep throat in your child, and report them to the office. We will also be keeping an eye out for symptoms and will post notices if a case of any communicable disease has been at school. Please refer to the parent's handbook you received at the beginning of the year for the list of symptoms and policies on sick children. We want to keep the students and staff as healthy as possible.

Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services (ODJFS) has updated the form JFS 01237 that is included in your yellow handbook issued at the beginning of the school year (the center page). The new form is posted on the large Sunshine bulletin board in the hallway. If you wish a copy, please see Nancy.

Feature Teacher – Chris Coldiron began teaching with us six years ago. She had been a Kindergarten Aide at Madison and taught the three-year-old classes for the first two years with us. This year she is teaching Pre-K in Room 114 Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, and alternates teaching the afternoon class with Miss Pam. She has earned her CDA certificate. Chris enjoys crafts of all sorts and watching her grandchildren's activities. She and her husband, Mike, have 2 grown children and 3 grandchildren, 2 of whom attended Sunshine.

Lastly, just a few reminders. Visit the restroom before signing your child in for the school day.

- **Please** label backpacks, jackets, mittens, hats and coats. Make sure extra clothes are seasonal.
- We collect Campbell's soup labels. Anyone interested in volunteering to clip and sort the UPC labels, see Nancy.
- Please call school (424-1887 ext. 211) if your child will miss class for any reason.
- Listen to Local radio and TV stations for school closing due to inclement weather. Sunshine Preschool follows Middletown closings, but will operate on normal class hours if public schools are only on an hour delay. Depending on your local road conditions, please use your own judgment before traveling on those wintry days, but someone will be here, unless Middletown City Schools close their preschool with a 2 hour delay. You can also check our website, www.sunshinechildren.com, for closings, calendar, newsletter and other information or to contact any teacher or board member. Closings will also be included on the voice message at 424-1887 extension 211, and on TV Middletown's website, www.tvmiddletown.org, and e-mailed to the address you supplied. Stay safe!
- School will be closed on Monday, January 16, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- Send your child's favorite Christmas gift along on their first day back for Show and Tell.

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