

March 2011

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who helped with the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital Trike-a-thon, All monies should be turned in by March 4, and the prizes should be here right after spring break.

Registration for current students wishing to enroll for the 2011-2012 school year will be held March 24 & 25, in the Hearth Room. Registration packets will be in the mailboxes of the 3- and 4-year olds in the middle of March. If you need Registration Packets for younger siblings or friends, please stop by the Sunshine Preschool Office. Registration will be open to younger siblings of former students, Breiel church families, and those who have requested registration packets after 10:00 a.m. on both days. Open registration will begin April 4. Kindergarten registration information will be sent home with the Pre-Kindergarten students this month and will be posted on the bulletin board outside of the office.

We are once again offering the opportunity to have your child's speech, language, and hearing screened. We have contracted for services with the Miami University Speech and Hearing Clinic. Faculty supervisors who are licensed by the State of Ohio, and hold a Ph. D. or Master's degree in Speech Pathology, along with graduate speech pathology and audiology students, will conduct the screenings on Tuesday, March 15. If your child does not usually attend that day, you may sign up for an appointment. The screening procedure for children between the ages of three years to six years will include a standardized test of articulation (speech sound production), receptive language (understanding), and expressive language (verbalization). A pure tone and tympanometric hearing screening will also be performed. This screening will provide information concerning normal versus delayed development.

- **The Pampered Chef catalog sale fundraiser orders and money are due March 10.**
- **Spring Break begins on Monday, March 28. Classes resume on Monday, April 4.**

**Discipline** (complete newsletter on bulletin board)

Teach your preschooler how to behave appropriately in school

A Yale study showed that preschool children are three times more likely to be expelled from school than students in K-12 combined! Kicking, hitting, biting, damaging property and other aggressive behaviors are often the cause.

Preschool increases your child's chance of success in elementary school. So it's vital to help him learn to control his anger--and stay in preschool.

Try these strategies:

- Don't tell your child he shouldn't be angry. This may make him hide his anger, rather than express it in a healthy way.
- Find out why your child is angry. Ask what happened and why. Listen carefully to what he says.
- Put his feelings into words for him and validate them. "You must be very angry. It's okay, I get angry, too."
- Correct the aggressive behavior. "Even though you're angry, it's not okay to hit your friend."
- Suggest he release anger in a safe way. He can throw a ball against the wall outside, punch a pillow, or draw a picture of what happened.
- Tell your child you'll talk to him after he calms down. Then discuss ways to express his anger verbally. Role-play different situations.

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Feature Teacher – Gayle Edwards joined the Sunshine teaching staff as a substitute teacher in January, 2007, then as a Pre-K classroom teacher after spring break 2007. Last year she was a substitute teacher, but the year before that she taught in the 3-year-olds classroom. She began this year teaching in Room 112 on Tuesday and Thursday, but moved to Room 116 Monday through Friday to replace Janice. Gayle is the mother of two former Sunshine students, Emily and Mary, and is married to Mike.

**Lastly, just a few reminders. PLEASE visit the restroom before signing your child in for class.**

- Please call school (424-1887) if your child will miss class for any reason.
- Listen to TV stations (Channel 12) and TV Middletown (Channel 24 or [www.tvmiddletown.org](http://www.tvmiddletown.org)) for school closing due to inclement weather or visit the website, [www.sunshinechildren.com](http://www.sunshinechildren.com). Hopefully spring will be here soon.
- Please dress your children for the season. We do have a fire drill every month and that means we do briefly evacuate the building without our coats.
- Check out the bulletin board outside the office for the Parent Institute Newsletter and more news.

*The Sunshine Preschool at Breiel Church Staff*