

# October 2011

Dear Parents,

We have had a great beginning to the school year, filled with firsts for many of the children, like a very smooth fire drill. Middletown fire department trucks will be visiting Sunshine Preschool on Thurs. and Fri., 10/ 6 & 7. We have been working on developing many life skills in the children, including separation from family members. This skill will appear on your child's progress report next month, so we are asking you to work with your child to have them hang up their own backpack and coat, after you say goodbye at the classroom door.

**We are going on a Field Trip to Barn 'n' Bunk in Trenton during regular class time on Wednesday, Oct. 12 and Thursday, Oct. 13.** We are asking parents (or grandparents) to transport their own child to the field trip. Maps will be on the permission slip. Please let us know if you will be meeting us there, or joining the caravan leaving from school. We understand this may pose a problem to families with other children. Since we do not want any student to miss out on this opportunity, we will allow siblings to accompany us if you have not been able to make other arrangements for them, with the understanding that the adults are responsible for each member of their family. Please come speak with me if you have any questions concerning the field trip, as soon as possible. Please dress in long pants, sturdy shoes, and jackets or coats for whatever temperature is forecast. **Please** turn in money and signed permission slips to Nancy no later than **October 7**. The payment may be combined with October's tuition in a check made payable to Sunshine Preschool or cash for exact amount.

**Our Harvest Celebration and Costume Parade will be held October 27 & 28**, and the children are already talking about dressing up. However, we ask you to limit the costume to ensure the children can move freely and use the restroom on their own. We are recommending costumes based on community workers, since we will be talking about them this month, or characters or animals found in the bible. Family members are welcome to join us for the party beginning at 11:00 a.m. (2:30 p.m.) with a costume parade to the gym. Please check the sign-up sheet for party treats, reminders will be sent later.

## **Parents' Responsibilities for Field Trips with Sunshine Preschool at Breiel Church**

- Read newsletters and field trip notices.
- Sign and return permission slips (bottom half of field trip notice) on or before due date. **KEEP TOP HALF WITH FIELD TRIP INFORMATION FOR FUTURE REFERENCE** Students without permission slips will not be permitted to attend the trip.
- Turn in money, if required, (may be combined with tuition) on or before due date (see top half of field trip notice)
- Requested to drive or carpool (siblings may attend if you have no other options, you are responsible for your own children).
- You may leave directly from the field trip after you turn in your child's nametag to their teacher and sign them out.

## **Change is coming to Sunshine**

You have undoubtedly noticed there are small classes this year at Sunshine. While that is advantageous for the students, it has created a shortfall for our finances. We are exploring several options to compensate for the reduced income that accompanies our low enrollment numbers. Please look for a letter coming soon in your child's mailbox explaining what action steps we will be considering with your input. We need your cooperation of a quick response to the letter, as we work together to maintain the best possible learning experience for your child with the funds that will be available.

**Feature Teacher** – Pam Suiter began teaching at Sunshine Preschool 20 years ago when it was Sunshine Children's Center. She is teaching in Room 114, mornings and afternoons on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Pam has been an active volunteer at church. She enjoys crafts, apples, making scented candles, gardening and home decorating projects. Pam is married to Greg and they have two grown children, Heather and Jeremy. (Pam has a birthday next month.)

**Lastly, just a few more items.** Please label backpacks, jackets and coats.

- Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for November 8 & 9. No school for students those days.
- Please have your child visit the restroom (by the church office) before school begins.
- Be considerate and safe in the parking lot. Please park in marked spaces and be mindful of children.
- A phone call to school (424-1887 x 211) letting the teachers know your child will miss class for any reason is appreciated.

*The Sunshine Preschool at Breiel Church Staff*