



## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Happy, Happy New Year!! I pray that your holiday was exactly what you expected and that 2011 ended with a bang!! Every year we make "new year" resolutions. I hope those you have made are ones that are attainable and that you have a plan in place to assist you in accomplishing your new goals.

Thank you so much for your many Christmas cards and gifts. They were all greatly appreciated. Although I was unable to attend the Christmas Program, the first one I've missed in 35 years, I received several messages, telephone calls and notes slipped under the office door from those in attendance, that is was fantastic. I am always very proud of the staff and the children; They both work very hard and enjoy what they are doing, "Learning Made Fun", our motto. As always, our programs are an integral part of our educational program. Every instructional domain is implemented in the process of putting together any of our programs.

### Very special thank you to:

- Mr. Berry (Shaneiqua's dad) for donating the clock over the sign in and out counter.
- Ms. Yates (Milton's mom) and Mrs. Bryant (Coryn's mom) for facilitating the Parent Training on Nutrition.
- Martha Shelton (Mary's auntie) for donations of notebooks, pens, paper, etc.



**ACCREDITATION UPDATE:** We are all continuing our efforts to improve the quality of care and education we provide the children and their families. The teachers spent their winter break working on their classroom portfolios, a required piece of the accreditation process. We will be submitting our candidacy papers for accreditation to NAEYC before January 31, 2012. Our next BIG project for improvement is the renovation of our playground. We hope this

project will begin in late February to be completed by April. We thank you for your support and suggestions.

**IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION:** One of the many health criteria for accreditation we must meet is **HAND WASHING**. To reduce the spread of germs, all staff, parents and children must wash and dry their hands upon entering the building. This means that when you bring your child to school before bringing him/her to the group with the other children, you must take your child to the restroom and assist him/her in washing and drying their hands. This may mean that you will have to arrive at the Center a few minutes earlier. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

The **PARENT TRAINING** held on December 8<sup>th</sup> was excellent, and good nutritional information was shared which may help you make better choices in planning your personal menu and making healthier food choices.



**BREAKFAST** is served from 8:00 a.m.—8:20 a.m. for school-aged children who must leave the Center by 8:30 a.m., to arrive at Beers on time; and from 8:30 a.m.—9:00 a.m. for infant/toddlers and preschoolers. If you arrive after 8:50 a.m. for breakfast you must take your child to the lower parish hall for breakfast. You must ask our cook for the meal, sit with your child and when your child is finished, clean up the area; have your child go to the restroom and then take him/her to the classroom. Breakfast is over at 9:00 a.m. If your child arrives after 9:00 a.m., he or she must have already had breakfast. Outside food is no longer allowed in the lower parish hall. Your child must eat before entering the building.



Ms. LaVina has returned to school, Garrett College. She should be graduating this spring. We wish her the best of luck.

Miss Riley received her CDA Credentials in December 2011!

**NEW STAFF:** We would like to welcome Ms. Shuntia Thompson and Ms. Helen Williams to our staff.



**PARENT MEETING:** There will be a mandatory meeting for all parents with children in the 4-5 year old classroom. The meeting will take place within the first two weeks of this month. Mrs. Shorter will announce the day and time of the meeting. It is imperative that every parent attend.

**CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE:** Please inform your child care case worker of any changes in your schooling, working and or address. If you are terminated because you have failed to keep your appointments or provide necessary documents, we cannot hold slots. Once terminated, your child will not be able to attend.

**Complete change of clothing and sheets and blankets** are a licensing requirement. Please make sure your child has a complete change of clothing (socks, undershirts, underwear, pants/bottoms and shirt/tops). Children must also have a blanket and sheet or two sheets at all times. Unfortunately we can no longer provide these items. Our supply has been exhausted. When we loan our extras, they are not returned.



### REMINDERS

- In case of inclement weather, we follow the decision made by DC Public Schools for school closings.
- All children must have an annual physical and up-to-date immunizations as well as an annual dental exam. Please have the required form completed, signed, and stamped before returning it to me.
- Please update your telephone numbers as soon as they change.
- All children need a tooth brush, a holder and tooth paste, we brush our teeth at least once each day.

## THEMES

3-6	Happy New Year
9-13	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
16-20	Hibernation
23-27	Winter: The Changing Earth
30—March 2	People in Winter

Kendall	1 <sup>st</sup>
Journey	4 <sup>th</sup>
Miss Riley	9 <sup>th</sup>
Miss Wiggins	9 <sup>th</sup>
Ziyenne	14 <sup>th</sup>
Lanard	24 <sup>th</sup>
Ms. Stewart	25 <sup>th</sup>



Until Next Month...

*Yvonne A. Robison*

## T.G.I.F. SLEEPOVER

Friday, January 20th at 6:15 p.m.  
thru Sat., Jan. 21st at 10:00 a.m. sharp!

Ages 2 thru 12 years old

Children cannot participate in sleepover if tuition is not current. Please place all items in a large trash bag so that children can keep up with their belongings. We are also asking that parents pay cash as soon as possible so we can purchase food and other materials needed.

*Sleepover Staff*

## INFANTS / TODDLERS

Happy New Year to the Infants and Toddlers, and their parents. We wish each of you love, joy, peace, and prosperity in the new year!



Please keep in mind children always need lots of love, patience, and nurturing. You are the most important person in their lives.

Thank you to all parents who took time to attend the Christmas program and we extend a special thank you to all the parents for the wonderful cards and gifts.

Beginning this year, we will be focusing

on social, emotional, physical, language and cognitive developmental skills. We will also continue to teach self-help skills such as feeding, potty training, and activities that encourage independency. We will continue to engage in activities such as coloring, pasting, finger painting, and working with wooden puzzles, manipulatives and blocks. We will have story time at least twice a day.

### Reminders

- Each child must have at least two changes of clothing for the weather and growing sizes.
- Each child should have a hat and gloves. We go outside if the weather permits.
- Each child must have a sheet and blanket for their cribs and cot.
- On Fridays, the linen will be sent home for you to clean for the next week.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call between the hours of 12:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

*Miss Day & Miss Riley*

## YOUNGER TWO'S NEWS



Happy New Year! We would like to welcome the Two's back! We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you to our parents for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend the Christmas program. The children did a wonderful job.

This month, we will be focusing on the number '4', letter 'n', color 'blue', and the shape 'triangle.' We will continue to teach self-help skills such as potty training and feeding.

### Reminders

- Check your child's cubby weekly to ensure they have at least two changes of clothing and pull-ups.
- Bring a clean sheet and blanket.
- Label all belongings.

- Dress your child in clothing that is easy for toileting.

*Miss Wiggins and Miss Green*

## OLDER TWO'S NEWS

Firstly, we thank all of you for a great beginning to an exciting school year. Your support,



cooperation, and commitment have not gone unnoticed. With all the end of the year excitement, we anticipate you all have rested up for the new year fun. Giving special acknowledgements to those families that gave gifts to us. All gifts were greatly appreciated.

We hope all of you enjoyed Lunch with Santa and your child's performance in the nativity scene.

Now let's get back to work!

We will begin to introduce the letters H-Y, numbers 10-20, review shapes to introduce the oval, and colors of winter (white and blue). Please continue to encourage your child to attempt new tasks such as dressing, using manners, and asking for the bathroom. Our children are developing well.

### Reminders

- Please supply the Easy Side Pull-Ups for children that wear them. It is in the best interest of the children and for the sake of time management.
- Be mindful that all children have to be at the Center by 9:30 a.m. No children will be allowed after this time unless prior arrangements have been made.
- Label all items brought to the Center (i.e., pull-ups, t-shirts, toys, socks, coats/jackets, hats, etc.).
- Make sure all children have two or more complete changes of clothing available in their cubbies. Especially for those children who are in underwear or transitioning from pull-ups.

- Check your child's cubby and mail slot daily for weather-appropriate clothing and important documentation.

Have a blessed year!

*K. Prince and L. Payne*



## TERRIFIC THREE'S

Happy New Year to everyone! We hope everyone had a great Christmas. We would like to thank the children and their parents for the gifts we received.

Now it's time to move forward but let's not forget 2011 was a memorial year. We want to thank God for letting us come together to share another year!

This year we will be more focused on structured activities as well as fun ones. We will review many of the activities and concepts before moving ahead. Remember, reinforcement is an important part of learning as well as introducing new elements into the learning process.

Parents, continue to work with your children. They are trying hard to use the potty. Let's get the pull-ups off.

### Reminders

- Please remember to sign your child in and out daily.
- Check your child's cubby to ensure he/she has a complete change of clothing that is appropriate for the weather.
- No toys or food should be brought into the Center unless it is show 'n tell day (Fridays only).

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Happy New Year!

*Mrs. Mitchell & Ms. Thompson*

## I Have A Dream



## FANTASTIC FOUR'S

We hope all of you had a Merry Christmas! Mrs. Brown and I would like to thank you for the cards and useful gifts that we received with much appreciation as we experienced the joy of receiving.

How blessed we are to see the year 2012 and looking for the best to come in the new year.

Our Christmas program was fantastic! The children performed, sang, and mastered speaking parts that were distributed. Thank you for your help and support in making our first program a memorable one. We know the children understand the true meaning of Christmas—The Birth of Jesus Christ!

January brings us to discuss Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the famous African American hero who made all of our lives better. We will also discuss animals that hibernate, the earth's changes, and people in winter.

We would like to thank the Shelton's and the Simmons' Families for supplying us with cleaning products, paper towels, tissues, and wet ones for the purpose of helping to keep down the spread of germs.

### Class Fundraiser

This year we are planning a Sock Hop and Spaghetti Luncheon. The Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2012. This activity is a fundraiser to raise money for graduation festivities which include purchasing of caps, class gifts, lunch at a restaurant, and other supplies / materials needed. On the day of the dance, we will crown a King, Queen, Prince, and Princess. We are asking parents to sell votes which will be sold for \$1.00 each. The child who sells the most votes and turns in the most money by the deadline will be crowned on that day. Each child will be given twenty-five votes (for starters). The con-

test will start on Wednesday, February 1st and end on Monday, February 13th at 6:00 p.m. Monies that are not turned in by 6:00 p.m. will not be accepted in the contest. No exceptions! Parents are invited to the luncheon so mark your calendar and join us in this grand affair. More to come in the February newsletter.

Show 'n tell: 5th and 19th

Please only allow your child to bring in one item to share.

Library Visits: 12th and 26th

All children MUST wear their St. Timothy's t-shirts. Children who do not wear their t-shirt will NOT participate in library activities.

Our mandatory meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 to discuss concerns we are having with our class. All parents are expected to be present. Thank you in advance!

Please continue to drop pocket change in the trip bottle and of course children can drop pocket change too.

### Reminders

- Please send in a twin size sheet and blanket for nap time.
- Make sure all children have a change of clothing appropriate for the season.
- Please check at home for changes of clothing or sheets that were loaned out. We need our items back.
- Please sign your child in and out every day, even after sleepovers.

The best time to reach us is at naptime (1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.). Let's start our new year off by working together and may you have a Happy New Year!

*J. Shorter & L. Brown*



# SCHOOLAGERS

It's a new year at St. Timothy's, and we extend our love and support to all of the parents in 2012! This year is the year of foundation \* St. Timothy's is built on love and supporting the parents.

We would like to thank all of the parents who donated so generously during the holiday.

January brings us to a discussion of a historic man that made a difference in our society (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.).

Please encourage your child to be more responsible for his/her things and to complete their homework at the Center if that is what you expect of them.

Special Request—Winter is here and we are in need of tissue for our noses.

## Reminders

- Pay close attention to the calendar.
- Be sure to label your child's belongings.
- Have your children wash their hands upon entering the Center.
- Breakfast is served at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 8:15 a.m. because we need to clean up our area and leave at 8:30 a.m.
- Do not allow your child to bring food into the Center.
- We do not make a second trip to Beers to pick up children when they stay for after school activities.

We would like to take this opportunity

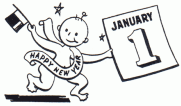

to say thank you for all of your support and we need your continued support in the new year!

If you have any concerns, feel free to call between 1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.

Happy New Year! We hope this year will be as good as last year. Wishing you joy, peace, and prosperity in the new year!

*Mrs. Brandon,  
Ms. Stewart,  
& Miss Payne*



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Kendall's BD 	2 <b>CENTER CLOSED</b> in observance of the New Year	3 11 a.m. Church service	4 Journey's BD	5 Show 'n tell (4s)	6 Show 'n tell (3s)	7
8	9 Show 'n tell (older 2's)  Miss Riley's BD Miss Wiggins' BD	10 11 a.m. Church service  6:15 p.m. Mandatory Class Mtg (4s)	11	12 Library day (4s) t-shirt required	13 Show 'n tell (3s)	14 Ziyenne's BD
15	16 <b>CENTER CLOSED</b> in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day   Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	17 11 a.m. Church service	18	19 Show 'n tell (4s)	20 <b>12:15 p.m. DCPS Early Dismissal</b>  Parent Conferences & Assessments Complete  Show 'n tell (3s) 2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. Identa-Kid  6:15 p.m. TGIF Sleepover	21 10:00 a.m. sharp! Sleepover pick up
22	23 Show 'n tell (older 2's)	24 11 a.m. Church service  Lanard's BD	25 Ms. Stewart's BD	26 Library day (4s) t-shirt required	27 Show 'n tell (3s)	28
29	30 Show 'n tell (older 2's)	31	<b>FEBRUARY 1ST</b> Classroom Fundraiser Begins (4s)			