

November 30, 2010

Dear Parents and Families,

In an effort to support skill development for all children and to increase readiness skills for school, Children Unlimited has always conducted developmental screenings to identify areas that may require additional supports. As part of our participation in **RTI** (Response to Intervention) we continue to conduct screenings of all preschool and kindergarten children with a schedule for assessing literacy skill acquisition and social-emotional development.

RTI Tier 2 Support: Children whose scores are below the age appropriate range will receive additional support. Support will be provided to increase skill acquisition specifically identified during the screening. This will occur in a variety of ways during preschool and kindergarten, including small and large group sessions and individual support.

BASC-2 Social-Emotional Screening/ Parent forms: This year, we are asking parents to participate by filling out a form to identify areas of strength and areas of need, which may be different than what is seen during a typical preschool day. One parent may complete a form or each parent may do a separate form. Please write the child's name, date of birth and date filled out on the top. Classroom teachers and staff will complete a similar form for each child. In preschool and in kindergarten, additional support for children with elevated scores in the Behavioral and Emotional Screening will be provided in a similar manner that we teach all skills at Children Unlimited – through play-based activities with stories, songs and games within the classroom and in small groups. These developmentally appropriate activities are planned to support and enhance emotional skill development in young children.

If you are willing to participate by filling out the parent assessment forms, please return them to school in an envelope addressed RTI/ Katie McCarthy.

Thanks for your support and cooperation as we work together to address the developmental needs and skill development of your child.

Katie McCarthy