



# TFS Bulletin



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Dear Parents,

At the end of February our recruitment period for next year's student enrollment concluded with a total of 331 hopeful applicants. It's during the recruitment period that we have a chance to showcase the school to families that might not have been here before and they are always so impressed. Those who come for tours during the day comment about how happy the children look and every prospective family is impressed with our building and our program. Last week the lottery was held where each of those students received a lottery number and this week the first round of acceptance letters went out to 198 families. Although over a hundred families will not receive good news this week there is still a chance that we will reach their number between now and the first day of school because openings do occur during this time and we continuously fill them. Our goal is always to start the year with 20 children in every kindergarten and 17 in every pre-k classroom, with half of our overall population from New London and half from Waterford. It's quite a process, from recruitment to enrollment but we always end up with a full enrollment of almost 500 children every year.

With our new and returning students we also get a great group of parents who participate in our Friendship Family Organization, the FFO. This year's officers thought that you'd enjoy having guest speakers every other month and that's been going very well. Following this message is a description of this month's speaker. We hope you can make it to the meeting, where child care is always provided for the hour or so that the meeting lasts.

Enjoy the weekend with your children.

Kathy

## Positive Discipline for Young Children Ages Two to Twelve:

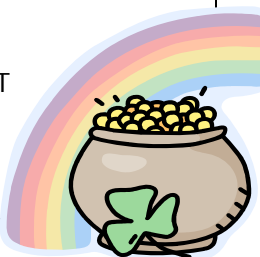
### A Discussion for Parents

All parents want to raise healthy, happy and well-adjusted children who respect themselves and others. Parents often feel they become too impatient, too critical or too harsh with their children. Other times they feel ineffective at setting behavioral limits and boundaries. There are no easy answers about how to discipline children. How can parents lead, guide and teach their children in positive ways? The Friendship School/FFO will host a presentation on positive discipline ideas that may work for you and your family. Parents are invited to explore the following topics:

- Goals of positive discipline
- Setting family rules
- Time-outs and how to use them
- Positive reinforcement and reward systems
- Common challenges: dinnertime, bedtime, tantrums, and sibling rivalry

**Where:** Friendship School, Waterford, CT

**When:** March 18, 2010 - 6:30 p.m.



## March 2010

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Read Across America Day	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Theater of the deaf
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>15</b> Crazy Hair Day	<b>16</b> Mismatch Day <b>Report cards go home</b>	<b>17</b> Green Day Kinder Assembly 10:30am	<b>18</b> Hat Day <b>FFO 6:30pm-Positive Discipline Discussion</b>	<b>19</b> Pajama Day
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>29</b> <b>Book Fair</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Book Fair</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Book Fair</b>		