

Welcome to the STEPS Program 2015-2016

Dear Families,

Our first week of school went well and we are all so excited to be working with your child. They all have such amazing personalities and are adjusting well to the classroom routines. Mrs. Paris, Mrs. Shaw and I look forward to working together to strengthen your child's speech and academic skills. We look forward to meeting all of our families on Thursday, September 17, 2009 during Open House. Hope you are able to attend!

Home practice is an essential part of the **STEPS** program. Practicing the sound cycle sounds at home will help your child reinforce sounds he or she is learning to say in words and short sentences. Sound mastery is essential for reading, speaking and writing skill development so your support is so important and well appreciated.

Each week you will receive a newsletter to inform you of the specific sound cycle sound (s) we will be targeting for that week in your child's STEPS classroom and in therapy. Your child will also receive a set of picture cards each week for daily home practice each night and a shoe box. **The cards should be stored in the shoe box and kept at home.** We will repeat the sound cycles three times throughout the school year so they will need to keep these cards in a safe place. The newsletter will provide you with some activities and games so home practice is simple and fun.

We truly appreciate your support practicing the sound cycle with the cued speech sign at home. Please keep all cards sent home in the shoe box. Do not hesitate to **call if you have any questions or concerns. (288-3654 Ext. 2020)**

Thank you in advance for your support at home!

Respectfully,

Lisa Harrison M.S.