

BEACHWOOD NURSERY SCHOOL & EARLY LEARNING CENTER

FROM OUR PARENT HANDBOOK: (Available on our web page & on paper in the classroom)

Policy on the Use of Technology

What is screen time? It is TV, DVD's, Videos, Computer Time, Smart Phones & Tablets...

The use of these types of passive media is limited to developmentally appropriate programming of 30 minutes or less a week in increments of no more than 10 minutes at one time. This provides children opportunities to access technology that they can use by themselves, or with peers or with teaching staff. The technology used extends learning and enriches the curriculum.

No screen time is permitted for children under 2 years. Research has indicated for children 8-16 months, every **hour** of viewing is associated with **6-8 fewer words** learned. It has also been associated with increased **vision problems** in older children.

Methods of Parent Notification:

Daily communication at **drop-off** and **pick-up** lets parent or teacher know how the day progressed for the child. **Phone calls, notes & newsletters** are also used to communicate with parents. To keep parents abreast of learning activities & happenings in the classroom teachers may also use **e-mail, google classroom and remind** to inform our school community. The school **website** and **facebook** page also includes general information, current events & **links** for school closings, delayed openings and early dismissals. **Parents are encouraged to sign-up for Remind – a text messaging service with their child's teacher." Access to overall school happenings will be through google classroom. Both Remind and Google Classroom require a code available from the classroom teacher.**

Social Media:

No discriminating remarks may be made against BNS, its children, enrolled family members, staff or any other person connected in any way to BNS on social media.

Individual and group **photos** of children at school may not be posted on social media. You may feel comfortable sharing photos of your child, but other parents may not feel the same way.

Confidentiality can be significantly compromised through social networking sites such as Facebook. Any communication related to school needs to go through appropriate channels. We encourage parents to send messages or make inquiries through our e-mail:

beachwoodnurseryschool@hotmail.com. We check the messages every day and will forward a message for a staff member as soon as possible. Other appropriate forms of communication with staff include: calling the school to talk with a staff member directly or talking with staff at pick-up or drop-off or through the messaging app remind.