

Dear Parents,

With the concern about the increase in tooth decay(cavities) among young children, the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care(EEC) recently adopted a new regulation for child care settings, number 606 CMR 7.11(11)(d), to promote oral health and prevent tooth decay.

Effective January 25, 2010. Shining Stars staff will assist children with brushing their teeth if:

1. The children are in our care for more then 4 hours, or
2. They have a meal in our care

Some quick facts about the program:

- This program will be implemented safely by following the regulations for infection control set by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- It will be a great benefit to your child.
- Children will be brushing with the direct supervision of our child care staff.
- Children will be using toothpaste with fluoride and approved by the American Dental Association.
- Children will receive new toothbrushes after three months of use, or after they are sick.

Please sign here to acknowledge that you have read this note regarding the new tooth brushing program At Shining Stars Learning Center. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 781-231-5454.

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Comments: _____
