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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Jones:

All children at Sunshine preschool received a speech screening test. This test allowed for the opportunity to identify if there were any areas of concern in your child's speech production. Children at the age of three are expected to have mastered the sounds /p/, /m/, /h/, /n/, /w/, and /b/. Children at this age of begun to master /k/, /g/, /d/, and /t/. Even though children may be able to produce these sounds correctly, there can be developmental speech errors present.

Jacob passed his preschool speech screener; however, he exhibited a common developmental speech error for his age. During the screening, it was noted for the word 'cookie,' Jacob instead said, "tootie" and for "gum" he said, "dum." He replaced a sound made in the back of the mouth with a sound made in the front of the mouth. This speech error is known as fronting and is common among children his age. This error typically disappears around 3 ½ years.

As children get older, they will master speech sounds and common speech errors will disappear. Even though fronting is typical for Jacob's age, there are ways to model and help Jacob in his acquisition of speech sounds. One way to assist his obtaining of speech sounds is to model the targeted sound. For example, if Jacob says "dod" instead of "dog." Provide the model of yes that is a "dog" putting emphasis on the correct sound. Reading books together is also a great way to reinforce the correct production and usage of speech sounds. Preschool children's books provide multiple opportunities to model the placement and usage of sounds to the child. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at a.mickles@sunshine.edu.

Sincerely,

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