

All workshops are free for Gillen Brewer parents and alumni.

There will be a \$25.00 fee for all outside parents and professionals if space allows.

Please RSVP by phone for workshops and child care to Ida Sacconi

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**Gillen Brewer
Parent
Workshops
2006-2007**

PARENT WORKSHOPS

Wednesday, October 12th
(6-7:30 p.m.)

What Is Behavior and Misbehavior?

Psychology Department

In this workshop, we will examine what behavior is, how it is motivated by thoughts and feelings, and how "misbehavior" can result from deficits in skills, in addition, we will present Dr. Greene's "Collaborative Problem-Solving Approach" as a technique for developing lacking or delayed skills, which, in turn, will lead to less challenging behaviors.

*All Classes

Wednesday, November 1st
(6-7:30 p.m.)

Sensory Integration Workshop

Occupational Therapy Department

This workshop will focus on sensory integration principles and how to incorporate sensory strategies in your family's daily routine. Parents and caregivers will learn sensory integration techniques to foster self-regulation, sensory processing, attention and interaction skills. Parents will be given the opportunity to try out sensory equipment. This workshop will target preschool and lower elementary classes.

Thursday, November 30th
(6-7:30 p.m.)

Understanding and Facilitating Play

Psychology and Speech-Language Pathology Departments

Learn how to follow your child's lead during play. Strategies will be provided to facilitate more meaningful interactions with your child.

*Preschool and Lower Elementary classes

Wednesday, December 6th
(6-7:30 p.m.)

Handwriting Workshop

Occupational Therapy Department

This workshop will focus on providing parents and caregivers techniques and activities to help improve a child's writing legibility, self confidence, pencil grip, posture, body awareness, and much more. Tips and tricks will also be discussed on how to manage homework.

* School Age Classes

Thursday, February 8th
(6-7:30 p.m.)

Reading Comprehension

Speech-Language Pathology Department

Explore why reading is more than decoding words and learn important strategies to facilitate comprehension when reading with children at home.

*School Age Classes

Wednesday, February 28th
(6-7:30 p.m.)

Facilitating Successful Play Dates For Your Child

Psychology and Speech-Language Pathology Departments

Discover the components that can help support successful play dates for your children (e.g., length, location, appropriate choice of peers and activities).

*Preschool and Lower Elementary Classes

Wednesday, March 14th
(6-7:30 p.m.)

Siblings

Psychology Department

We will explore the siblings' experiences of having a brother or sister with special

needs as well as how to balance the needs of all the children in the family.

*All Classes

Wednesday, April 18th
(6-7:30 p.m.)

Follow-Up Understanding and Facilitating Play

Psychology and Speech-Language Pathology Departments

Discuss and examine how the strategies introduced in the November workshop have worked for you during play interactions with your child. Additional support and modifications will be provided to encourage successful pre-verbal and verbal interactions.

*Preschool and Lower Elementary Classes

Kelly Dorfman M.S., L.N.D.
Spring 2007

Date/Time TBA *Additional Fee

Kelly Dorfman is a health program planner whose specialty is developing nutrition and lifestyle strategies to address complex health problems from autism to bone loss to rare genetic disorders with a special interest in children.

Child care will be available to all Gillen Brewer parents for \$5.00 per child. Advance registration is required for all workshops and child care. RSVP to Ida for all workshops and child care. 212-831-3667 x200

**As a learning community, we strive to offer support to you and your family. Please take advantage of our wonderful and talented staff and outside professionals.*

If you cannot attend a session you are interested in, contact your therapist to set up a time to discuss it.