



# CECA Newsletter

February 2009

From the Desk of CECA President,  
Janet Clark, (816) 229-9889 x 14

**2009 Sue Murray Grant**  
All member centers and directors are eligible to receive up to \$500 from the CECA Sue Murray Grant Fund. The deadline for applications is April 15. Go to [cecakc.org](http://cecakc.org) for grant information and applications.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Director's Roundtables -  
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
Wed., February 18, 2009  
Tues., March 31, 2009

Sue Murray Grant Applications -  
Due April 15, 2009

Conference Set-Up Day - August 3  
\*Volunteers Needed from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Director's Day - Tuesday, August 4

Summer Conference -  
Wed./Thurs. August 5 - 6, 2009

**Director's Roundtable**  
February 18, 1 - 3 p.m.  
St. Paul's Preschool  
7740 Lackman Road  
Lenexa, KS 66217

**R.S.V.P to Linda Edgell, Director  
at 913-631-0101 by February 17.**

We will discuss topics vitally important to the success of early childhood centers as we meet in several roundtable groups. Topics will include budgets, program focus, meals and snacks, tuition costs, employment, and more. Join other directors in this time of professional growth, networking, and fellowship.

**Directions from East:**  
I-470 W/US-50. Take I-435 W to 87th St. exit (3). Turn right onto 87th St. Pkwy. Turn left onto Lackman Rd.

**Directions from West:**  
I-35 N to I-435 W via Exit 222B. Take the 87th St. exit (3). Turn right onto 87th St. Pkwy. Turn left on Lackman Rd.

**If you need more complete directions, please Mapquest or call Linda Edgell.**

**Join CECA By March 31, 2009  
Membership Fee \$25**

*Do you know of a Christian early childhood center that is not a member of CECA? If so, please pass our information along to them. The member benefits far exceed the membership fee! Thanks!*

**Applications available on the website  
[www.cecakc.org](http://www.cecakc.org)**

**Mid-Winter Report - "Preschool Lessons That Last a Lifetime"**

Dr. Jim Meyer from Missouri State University provided the 230 attendees at the Mid-Winter workshop with valuable and usable information on social skills. In his words, "Social skills are the behaviors, attitudes, gestures, and words that enable children to initiate and maintain positive social relationships. Helping children develop social skills is the major developmental task of early childhood". Dr. Meyer's presentation was lively and interactive. He provided us with five areas to focus on as we help children develop social skills. These areas are negotiation and problem solving, effective communication, self-control (regulation of emotions), expression of empathy, and entering groups. Our time with him went very quickly and he left us feeling challenged and inspired. We thank Dr. Meyer's for his commitment to early childhood and to CECA. If you would like more complete information on Dr. Meyer's presentation, go to the CECA website.

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**"Kids Matter" is our theme for the  
CECA Summer Seminar 2009**

*Featuring Keynote Speakers Brad Mears and Debbie Clements!*

*\*Brad Mears will present on developing the brain.\**

*\*Debbie Clements will present on using music, rhythm and movement to engage children and enhance curriculum.\**

*Each year the CECA Board attends the National Association for the Education of Young Children Conference. The conference is held in different cities throughout the United States. Tens of thousands of early childhood educators attend, including some of the most prominent leaders in the field. The Board members go to a wide variety of workshops there hoping to find presenters and information to bring home to CECA centers. This year we are very excited to be bringing in several presenters that we saw for the first time at a NAEYC conference. We are currently working to secure our 2009 presenters and obtain Kansas approval.*

*\*Kids Matter is the registered trademark of the Child Care Council of Kentucky\**

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*May the work we do make the world we live in a little more worthy of our children!* Words from Tom Hunter's song "Worthy of our Children"