**OUTSIDE FOOD AND TOY POLICY**

Children are not to bring outside toys into the classroom unless it is "Show and Tell day." Also, be aware of the items you send, ensuring that there are no small components to the toy. Children are not allowed to bring outside foods into the center. Breakfast is served from 7:45 am until 8:15 am. Lunch is served between 11 am and 12 pm. Snacks are given as classes wake up from nap time. To ensure your child's safety, Miracle Academy is mindful of the foods served in the childcare center. For example, teachers will cut grapes, hotdogs, large pieces of meat for babies and steam veggies for infants and toddlers to ensure that foods can be chewed to prevent choking.  Teachers are responsible for keeping your child safe; however, it poses a severe hazard when you send your child to school with small items, including hair beads, jewelry, and small toys. Children are naturally curious, and it leads them to put unusual things into their mouths.  Anything smaller than a dime coin can cause an airway blockage and become a choking hazard for children.  I purchase large chunky toys for infants and toddlers; therefore, please do not send children to school with jewelry, beads in hair (especially infants and toddlers), or small inappropriate toys for the childcare center environment.  Large hair bows, barrettes and head bands are fine for infants and toddlers and very large beads for preschoolers in addition to barrettes and bows.  I take safety seriously and do not want childcare teachers burdened with the additional responsibility of keeping watch for children bringing or wearing these items to school, which pose a safety hazard to your child and other children in our care.

***My signature below indicates that*** *I* ***have received a copy of the Outside Food and Toy policy, it has been reviewed with me, and*** *I* ***have read and understand this policy.***

**Signature Date \_**

**Please circle as appropriate: STAFF PARENT**

**If** **parent, name of child \_**