

First United Methodist Church Preschool/MDO April 2008



FROM THE DIRECTOR

What a wonderful school year this has been—filled with excitement at every turn.

Photo Opportunity!

Spring individual and class pictures will be taken on April 14, 15, and 16. A memo will be sent home from classrooms with more information next week.

Playground Reminder

Your children are playing outside and enjoying the wonderful spring weather. This is great for large motor skill development! Please remember to send your child in tennis shoes, not sandals or flip-flops. Playground wood chips inhibit running and comfort! Also, a light jacket is helpful with the springtime chill.



Summer Delight Coming!!

Summer Delight is back! Some of our teachers are returning for an exciting two week line-up of summer time fun! Enrollment forms will be available soon, and Summer Delight will be held the weeks of June 3-5 and June 10-12.

Classes will be from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Information on available classes and the program will come home soon in a flier!!

Fall Enrollment!

Fall 2008 enrollment has gone very well. Classes have filled up quickly. I want to thank each of you who recommended our program to your friends and family. Your faith and trust in us is a compliment to the entire staff.

Parent Evaluations

Attached to the newsletter is a Parent Evaluation form. It is very

beneficial to us to have your input into our Preschool / MDO program. The Committee will be reviewing the evaluations at their next meeting. Please return your evaluation to the office as soon as possible. Additional forms are also available in the office. Your suggestions and input are invaluable and enable us to improve and make changes to FUMC Preschool/MDO. THANKS!

A Special Thank You!

A special thank you to our Scholastic Book Fair chairperson, Kalyn Ebadifar, and all the Wally Workers who volunteered their time to make our Spring Book Fair a success. To name a few... Amy Barnett, Donna Dradzynski, Nicole Greene, Julie Gaines, Leah Martell and Amanda Coleman. Thanks again!

Paper Recycling Available

You may recycle your newspapers, magazines, and other white paper in the green and yellow paper retriever bin, located in the parking lot west of the church. Celebrate Earth Day—recycle!

Glennis Peterman

Bunnies

Spring has sprung! The Bunnies are enjoying being back outside for large motor play. The Bunny theme for April is spring. We will be creating caterpillars, butterflies, painting flowers, and making raindrops.

Please send a jacket with your child. Our outside play time is 10:00 a.m. It is still a little cool outside even on sunny days. Thanks.

Ms. Janice and Ms. Lisa

Bunnies (Wednesday)

Wow! The school year is almost over and warm weather is here, we hope! We will be venturing out to the playground, so be sure to send a jacket for those cool spring mornings.

Our Bunnies are all doing so well. All are walking, sitting at the table for snack and lunch, and napping with ease. It always excites us to see how far they have come since the beginning of the year.

Look for fun spring art projects to come home! Thank you again for sharing your little ones with us.

Mrs. Cheryl and Mrs. Tracey

Busy Bears

April is here and the warm weather can't be far behind. If weather and time permits, you may see us on the playground at the end of the day.

We have some fun activities planned for April. We will have a pajama day, and also have many fun art projects planned. In May, we will have a movie day and a water day, too.

Be sure to send jackets (with names in them) for those cool spring mornings. Growing Busy

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Bears need lots of good, nutritious food, be sure to send plenty. Don't forget those SPILL PROOF cups.

Thank you for sharing your precious children with us.

*Ms. Amanda, Ms. Stephanie,
Ms. Cheryl, Ms. Tracey
and Ms. Vicky*

Gummy Bears

We are finally getting a taste of spring and we have decided we like it! It is so good for the Gummy Bears to be outside again. The children love the climbing, running, digging and swinging. Everyone is still filling their pockets with pecans too! Please dress your child for the weather and being outside. Sandals and shoes without socks are uncomfortable after being in the sand and chips.

In March, the children enjoyed the nursery rhyme week and learned new poems. The Gummy Bears acted some rhymes out, and decided some were very silly. Our week of Easter was fun, sorting jelly beans and Easter eggs, along with dyeing and decorating the "real" eggs. We finished the month with dinosaurs. We dug for bones in the sand, read and talked about dinosaurs, and played with dinosaurs on a special mat.



In April, our themes are zoo animals and spring, which will include weather themes, growing plants, and baby animals. We will have a unit on insects where we will create insects and have an ant farm. In our ocean unit, we will experience fish in the classroom, explore shells, and some table water activities.

The Gummy Bears continue to practice cutting, gluing, coloring, and many other fine motor activities that encourage pre-math, pre-reading, and pre-writing skills. They are doing so well with story time and being able to

listen. We are so proud of the growth of these wonderful children!

Mrs. Glades and Mrs. Bivens

Extended Enrichment

The year is flying by in Enrichment!! We will start April with a unit on Outer Space. We will cook "alien soup," make astronauts, and paint planet Earth.

Our next unit focuses on community helpers. We will be painting with a toothbrush, baking our own pizzas, and making necklaces.

In the middle of April we will have our carnival days. This is always a favorite with many of carnival games, candy prizes, face painting, etc.

We end the month with a unit on critters. We will be painting caterpillars and making bird feeders.

We hope you have been enjoying our monthly class projects, which you will find displayed in the enrichment hallway. Be looking for our water color collage which will be coming in early April. Your children work very hard on these projects and are very proud to showcase their work.

As always we thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child's school experience. We love all of our enrichment friends!!

*Mrs. Cromer, Mrs. Emery,
Mrs. Fuller, and Mrs. Sturm*

Rainbows (AM and PM)

"April Showers" bring May flowers. During the month of April we will be talking about spring. We will learn how seeds grow into flowers and grass. Zoo, farm animals, and pets will be included in our April activities with stories and art projects.

Perhaps our most fun and exciting curriculum in April is our Fairy Tale Fantasy unit. A few highlights include: painting a castle, creating costumes, and using our imaginations, as we read several of the classic fairy tales. Be sure to watch for our sign up

sheets. We need a little parental help with the festival. Also we will be collecting \$2 from each family to help cover costume supplies. Every child will be able to take home their costume and continue enjoying their imagination there. Invitations will be sent home in April inviting all families to our Fantasy Festival, to be held at the end of the first week of May.

In April, we will review our colors, talk about patterns, dots, stripes, and learn about the number 10.

We appreciate our parents taking time to come to parent/teacher conferences. It is always a treat to talk about your Rainbow. What a joy it has been watching their progress this year! We love them and are honored to share in their educational journey.

Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Longley

Sunbeams

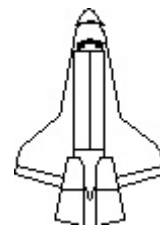
We had productive conferences in March. Thank you for attending; we love to discuss your children with you and their progress.

This month for language, we will be learning letters X, Q, and reviewing other letters.

Springtime, frogs, and plants will be part of our learning experiences. We will explore on the ground level, so be prepared for Sunbeams to come home dirty! We will plant seeds, play in the dirt, learn about spring, and more.

The Sunbeams are growing in so many ways, and we enjoy being part of the learning process!

*Mrs. Schutter and Mrs.
Griffin*



Superstars

We will continue our journey into outer space as we make discoveries about the sun, moon, stars, and planets through a few science learning experiences.

April showers bring different types of weather conditions in Oklahoma. We will explore clouds, rain, evaporation, tornadoes and more.

Our month will conclude with lions, tigers, and bears, oh my! Our

zoo unit will provide Superstars with the opportunity to become familiar with the names, needs, and homes of various zoo animals.

We will continue to work on letters this month, including U, D, K, and Z.

We enjoy our Super Star boys!

Mrs. Bules and Mrs. Fick

