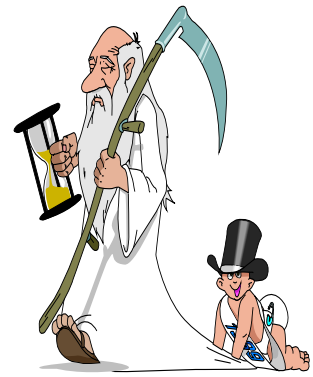


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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We wish for you and your family the best in 2009. We look forward to a wonderful spring semester and are glad that your child is involved in our program.

Tuition Due

Tuition is due by Monday, January 12. Please be timely to avoid late charges.

Guidelines for Illnesses

Regular attendance at our Preschool / MDO is essential. However, in fairness to your child and other children, do not bring your child to school if they are ill, have a fever, or are overly tired. In case of a communicable disease, the child needs to stay home until the doctor releases him or her to return to class. Communicable illnesses include, but are not limited to the following: thick, colored nasal discharge, colds, productive coughs, vomiting and/or diarrhea within 24 hours, and fevers. In the event that a child becomes ill at school, we will call you to pick them up, and they may not return to school the same day.



Please call the Preschool Office if your child will be absent, and we will notify your student's teachers. You will find the "Attendance / Illness" section on page 7 in your 2008-2009 Policy Manual. Thanks!

Parking Lot Volunteer

A volunteer is needed to tape off and stripe the cross-walk between the parking lot and the toddler playground. Also, the crosswalk to the Preschool/ MDO playground needs to be repainted. Paint and materials will be provided. If you are interested in a Friday or weekend project as the weather gets warmer, please call the

office at 341-1230.

School Guideline Reminders

We know your children receive a lot of fun toys for Christmas. The Preschool/MDO Policy states that toys need to stay at home. Please let your child know they may bring a special toy on their show and share day. (See page 11 of the policy manual under "Show and Share.")

We understand that with the cold weather outside hats are necessary. Please have your child place all caps and hats in their backpacks upon arrival in the classroom.

Please send your child in safe and sturdy shoes. We recommend tennis shoes that tie or buckle. **No boots or clogs.** (See page 9-10 of the policy manual under "Clothing.")

No School!!

On **Monday, January 19**, Edmond Public Schools are closed for in-service, and our Preschool/ MDO is also closed.

Teacher In-Service

The Preschool / MDO teachers will be having an in-service on Friday, January 23. They will be working on some really great teaching methods that will spark our teacher's skills and imaginations.



We have a **WONDERFUL** teaching staff that works very hard with your students. Give them an extra pat on the back this month!!

Thanks Kidoodles!

We would like to thank Kidoodles toy store for their generous donation of a bean bag

toss game and miniature sand box for our PS/MDO classrooms.

Glennis Peterman, Director

BUNNIES(Tuesday/Thursday)

Welcome back and Happy New Year! The Bunnies theme for January is winter. We will play in shaving cream snow, put shoe polish snow on evergreen trees, and create other fun snow art projects.

As we get readjusted from the holiday break, we would like to request that your child not bring toys from home to school. We would hate for something to get lost, broken, or misplaced. Children at this age often do not like to share their special toy from home. All nap time things or stuffed toys are fine. Thanks for your cooperation in this.

Mrs. Lisa and Ms. Janice

BUNNIES (Wednesday)

Welcome back Wednesday Bunnies! We hope everyone had a joyous and blessed Christmas!

The Wednesday Bunnies will be venturing out of the classroom and to the activity center or outside, weather permitting. Please be sure to send a coat, labeled with your child's name.

We will transition the remaining Bunnies from high chairs to the table for lunch time. Please send toddler and teacher friendly lunches such as bite size sandwiches, fruit cups, raisins, etc., and a sipper cup.

The Bunny room is chilly in the winter, so now is a good time to switch to a heavier blanket and check the extra clothing in your child's bag. Thank you for sharing your Bunnies with us.

Mrs. Cheryl and Mrs. Tracey

BUSY BEARS

Welcome back! We hope you had a relaxing break. We sure missed our Busy Bears.

January is going to be a fun-filled month, full of winter arts and crafts, polar bears, penguins, snowflakes, and snowmen.

We will go outside first thing in the morning if the temperature is at least 40 degrees, so send coats, gloves, and hats that are labeled.

Gray and blue are our colors for January. Rectangles and circles are our shapes. We will have wonderful textures to pass around and explore. We will continue to practice our colors, counting, ABC's, and songs.

Monday, January 19th is Martin Luther King Day, so we will not have school. If your child is sick, please do not send him/her to school. Refer to policy manual for definition of "sick."

We enjoy our Busy Bears so much; thanks for sharing them with us.

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

GUMMY BEARS

Happy New Year from the Gummy Bear teachers and welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break. We're sure you're ready for school to get started again.

Our themes for January include: snowflakes, snowmen, winter animals and bears. We will focus on the colors blue and white; we will make snowflakes and paint a snow scene and play with shaving cream. We will discuss appropriate clothing for different seasons and dress stuffed animal bears. We will read and learn about winter animals (polar bears, penguins, etc.) and how they survive winter.

Please remember that we go outside when weather is permissible. Send warm coats (with your child's name in them) gloves and hats. The fresh air is so good for the children and they don't even realize it's cold when they run around!

Thank you so much for all the Christmas surprises! We appreciate you so much. It was wonderful to have a break, but we are so glad to

see our Gummy Bears again!

Mrs. Glades and Mrs. Bivens

EXTENDED ENRICHMENT

Happy New Year! We are starting off the year with many fun-filled activities in Enrichment! We will be focusing on snowy days, winter animals, transportation, bears, and groundhogs. Enrichment will also be cooking up a storm and getting scientific.

Lunches are going well in Enrichment. Please remember to send yogurt in a cup rather than the squeezable gogurts (as these can be very messy!) Please place your child's name on their lunch box (and also their coat or jacket).

If your child has not participated in Enrichment this year, this would be a fun month to give it a try.

Thanks again for all the wonderful Christmas surprises and gifts! We are blessed to have such wonderful children and families here at FUMC!

*Mrs. Cromer, Mrs. Emery,
Mrs. Aitken, and Mrs. Fairchild*

RAINBOWS (AM and PM)

Happy New Year from the Rainbows! Winter is the first topic for January as we create projects with a snow theme. The Gingerbread Boy story comes to life as we bake our own gingerbread boy. Then we hunt for that rascal all around the school.

The last two weeks of the month, we will have fun with dinosaurs. We will read about dinosaurs, create different types of dinosaurs, and find dinosaur bones in our sandbox. The unit ends with a dinosaur parade.

Our colors for January are green, purple and gray. Oval is our shape and the number is seven.

During this time of the year, we begin to see developmental progress in Rainbow class. By January, the children have built a trust and comfort level with us - just right for a positive



learning environment.

We are glad to be back at school with our Rainbows. Thank you for sharing your children

*Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Peterman
and Mrs. Harrison*

SUNBEAMS

Welcome back Sunbeams! We hope you enjoyed a wonderful break with your families. We are ready for a great new year! Thank you to all of our families who donated books, Christmas gifts, and helped with our Christmas parties.

This month, we will be talking about winter and some of our favorite stories. Our letters are D, G, C, and I. Please remember to review the letters and their sounds as well as numbers at home. Thank you for working with your child writing their names with a capital letter at the beginning, followed by lower case letters. These vital skills are so important for success at the next level. Sunbeams are doing great!

We are looking forward to Pajama Day, Thursday, January 29. Your child can wear "weather appropriate" pajamas to school. You'll receive a note with more details later in the month.

We love our Sunbeams!

Mrs. Schutter and Mrs. Griffin

SUPERSTARS

The month of January is filled with some very cold Superstar learning activities.

We will begin our month with Imagination Station! Using our imagination, we can go anywhere we want to go, do anything we want to do, and be anyone we want to be. Mom and Dad get ready to play along, dress up and write stories.

We will learn about the coldest season of the year--winter. Students will experience ice in the sensory table, sort mittens, and enjoy winter stories.

The Superstars will also learn to identify animals that hibernate

during the winter.

We are thrilled to be back at school and begin another exciting semester. The Superstars are showing confidence and have settled into the classroom so well. We expect this next semester to be full of great exploring and learning experiences. Thanks you for sharing your children with us.

Mrs. Bules and Mrs. Pick