



**First United Methodist Church
Preschool/MDO
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We wish for you and your family the best in 2010. We look forward to a wonderful spring semester and are glad your children are in our program.

Tuition Due

Tuition is due by Monday, January 11. Please be timely to avoid late charges.

Guidelines for Illnesses

Regular attendance at our Preschool / MDO is important, however, in fairness to your child and classmates, 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 children will be absent, and we will notify their teachers. You will find the "Attendance / Illness" section on page 7-8 in your 2009-2010 Policy Manual. Thanks!

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.")

Speaking of toys...if you are getting rid of outgrown toys that are in good condition - please consider donating them to the school. We will write a letter of donation to use on income tax.

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. Also, please label EVERYTHING!

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

No School!!

On **Monday, January 18**, 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 22. 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!!

Glennis Peterman, Director



BUNNIES (Monday/Wednesday)

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and enjoyed time spent with their families!

Don't forget - there is no school on Monday January 18, as Edmond Public School is out.

It may take a little time for the Bunnies to get back into the routine of coming again, and dropping your child off may be a little more challenging for some. Hopefully it won't take long to get back to normal, they were all doing wonderfully before the break!

We are working on sitting at the

"big kid" table for snack time! So far it is going pretty well, it was so cute to see them all sitting at the table the first time. They are all growing so fast!

We will be going to the gym more often this semester, and also practicing with the "hold-a-ring walking rope" in preparation for going outside when the weather is warm enough. We cannot wait to take them out! Also please continue to label everything.

We really enjoy each and every one of your children. They give us things to smile about every day!

Ms. Jeannette and Ms. Angie

BUNNIES(Tuesday/Thursday)

Our theme for January is "Winter." We will be making snow pictures, snowmen, polar bears and even playing in snow (shaving cream)

We hope everyone had a great holiday. The Bunnies are settling back into their school routine nicely.

Most winter days we will be playing in the Activity Center. Please continue to have your child wear warm coats just in case we get an unusually mild day and can go out..

Mrs. Lisa and Ms. Janice

BUSY BEARS

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break. We missed our little friends.

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

We will try to go outside every morning if the weather is permitting, so remember to send coats, hats and gloves (labeled of course!)

We will continue to practice our counting, colors and shapes. Monday, January 18th is Martin Luther King Day, so we will not have school.

Also remember, If your child is

sick, please do not send them to school. There are certain things that we don't want to share with our friends!

We enjoy your children so much. Thank you for sharing them with us.

*Ms. Cheryl, Ms. Tracey,
and Ms. Janice*

GUMMY BEARS

The Christmas season was a wonderful time filled with activities and art. We practiced counting the number of days until Christmas, focused on Christmas colors, Jesus' birth, and why we celebrate Christmas.

Thank you so much for your part in making our parties very special and we also thank you for your generous gifts. We feel so blessed by you and your children.

In January, our themes will be snowflakes, snowmen, and winter animals. The colors we will emphasize are blue and white. We will paint, cook, discuss the weather, and what to wear. We will read and study about winter animals (i.e. polar bears, penguins), and how they survive the cold.

Please remember that we go outside when weather is permissible. Please send **warm** coats (labeled with your child's name), gloves and hats. Fresh air is so important for the children and they don't even realize it's that cold when they run around! Also, please make sure that your child's change of clothes in their backpacks have been changed to winter.

We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and a relaxing winter break.

Mrs. Glades and Mrs. Bivens

EXTENDED ENRICHMENT

Happy 2010 and Welcome Back! Last month we had so much fun making reindeer food, beaded candy canes, and sparkling Christmas ornaments, we wanted to continue that joy in the New Year with fun-filled activities! We will be cooking up some yummy snacks to have during snack time. Your children LOVE making their own snacks! We also have some fun science and art projects planned this month.

One of the best parts of Extended Enrichment for your child is being able to have lunch with their friends!

PLEASE note - send yogurt CUPS rather than the squeezable yogurts (as these can be *very messy!*) We have noticed several lunch boxes, as well as coats, hats and mittens are not labeled with your child's name. Labeling the items your child brings to school helps them *and* it helps us! Some days we have 40+ for lunch. Be sure to check the extra set of clothes your child's backpack to make sure it's winter friendly!

January is a great month to send your Rainbow, Sunbeam, Super Star or Kindergartner to Extended Enrichment if they haven't been before.

Thank you for all the wonderful Christmas surprises and gifts! We are so blessed to have wonderful children and families here in Enrichment!

*Mrs. Emery, Mrs. Dradzynski,
Mrs. Fitch, and Mrs. Mayer*



RAINBOWS (AM and PM)

Happy New Year!!

Winter is the first topic for January as we create projects with snowy themes. The Gingerbread Boy story comes to life as we bake our own cookie. Then we hunt for that rascal all around the school.

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

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 with us.

*Mrs. Cromer, Mrs. Peterman
and Mrs. Nelson*

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. You're GREAT!

This month, we will be talking about winter and some of our favorite stories. Our letters are L, C, D, and G. 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. Your Sunbeams are doing great!

We are looking forward to Pajama Day, Thursday, January 28. 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 semester to be full of great exploring and learning. We welcomed a new friend to class in January, so now we're 13 for snack!

Thank you for sharing your children with us.

Mrs. Bules and Mrs.

