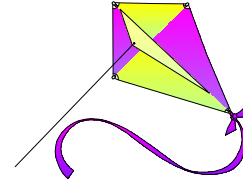


First United Methodist Church
Preschool/MDO
May 2008



FROM THE DIRECTOR...

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What a wonderful year we have had at FUMC Preschool/MDO. Thank you for being a part of our program. We enjoy what we do, and appreciate how each of you has expanded our lives. You are **awesome!** We look forward to many of you returning in the Fall for more exciting learning experiences. For those going on to other life adventures, we wish you *the very best.*

Playground SAFETY Reminder

Please send your child to school in tie, buckle, or rubber soled shoes. No clogs, flip-flops, or slip on shoe. These shoes may be stylish and fun, but are not suitable for active climbing, running, and other gross motor activities on chips and in the sand on the playground!



Enrichment for "Grads" & Others

For those families going on to public or private schools in the Fall, our Enrichment Program is still available to you. At the end of April many of you received is a special Enrichment Enrollment Form (going home with the 3, 4, and 5 year olds). **A \$50 registration fee is required to participate in Enrichment, ONLY IF your child is not already enrolled with us for the 2008-2009 school year.** Please complete the form and return it to the office at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask.

Parent Evaluations

If you have not completed the parent evaluation, please complete one and drop it off as soon as possible. Additional forms are also available. Your suggestions and input are invaluable and enable us to improve and make changes to FUMC Preschool / MDO. THANKS!

Last Day of School

Our last day of school is **Thursday, May 22, 2008.**

Enrichment Days

As of May 1st there are nine days of Enrichment left. Please stop by the Welcome/Security desk and verify the status of your enrichment tickets.

Rainforest Adventures in VBS at FUMC!!

Are you looking to reach new heights of fun this summer? Then you'll want to head to FUMC for a canopy of adventures at Rainforest Adventure! This exciting vacation Bible school is for pre-school (potty-trained) through fifth-graders, and also includes adult classes. VBS 2008 runs July 21-25th from 5:30-7:30 pm with a snack supper offered at 5 pm.

For more information or to register for VBS, visit our FUMC website at fumcedmond.org. Scroll down to find "Register for VBS" or call the church office at 341-0107.

Directory Ads Still Available

Space is still available in the 2008-09 Preschool / MDO School Directory. If you would like to advertise your full or part-time business venture, contact the preschool office. The directory is distributed to over 150 Edmond families.

Prices are:

Business Card Size	\$15.00
Quarter Page	\$25.00
Half Page	\$50.00

Advertising proceeds will defray directory printing costs. Deadline is May 22 .

Enjoy your free time with your children. These moments are the best times of our lives. Wishing you a wonderful summer.

Glennis Peterman

Bunnies (Tuesday/Thursday)

Wow! This year has really flown by. The Bunnies have grown up so much and it was a joy for us to watch that process. Thanks for sharing them with us.

We will continue our spring theme for May. We plan to have a pizza party - yummy. Also going out on the playground is on the schedule of fun activities. Sidewalk chalk and water painting will be a part of this month's

fun as well.

Have a great summer. We hope that you'll stop by for a quick "hi" in the fall. We love to see how the Bunnies grow over the summer.

Ms. Lisa and Ms. Janice

Bunnies (Wednesday)

It's May! Summer is quickly approaching. We will be spending as much time out of doors for play as weather permits. Don't forget to send a jacket or sweater though - it can still be chilly in the morning on the playground.

Parents, thank you for sharing your most precious children with us each Wednesday. It is a real honor and joy to work with them. We look forward to seeing many of our Bunnies back in the program next year

Have a great summer with your little ones!

Mrs. Cheryl and Mrs. Tracey

Busy Bears

We can't believe that it is already the last month of school! We have enjoyed teaching and watching your children blossom during the year.

With May comes beautiful weather! Remember those jackets for the playground, as it can be a bit chilly in the mornings. Watch for information to come home about these end-of-year fun activities. Our first year end bash will be Movie Days, May 12 and 13. We will watch a g-rated movie, and Busy Bear teachers will provide drinks and popcorn. Water Play Days are May 21 and 22. These fun activities will be in place of our nap time!! There will be a picnic in conjunction with each of these events.

Many fun art projects are coming your way this month - so clear those refrigerator doors!

Thank you for sharing your child with us this year. We have enjoyed being a part of our Busy Bears' lives. Have a wonderful, fun, and safe summer. We hope to see you next year.

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

Gummy Bears

It is so hard to believe this is the last month of school! The children have grown and matured so much. They know the class routines, schedule, the songs, and structure of being in a classroom setting. They have spent about one-fourth of their lives with us this year, and we have enjoyed being a part of their growth. They are all special to us, each and every one. We enjoy the uniqueness of each child.

We have a lot of fun activities planned for May. We will begin with a unit on mothers, and cap it off with a Mother's Day Tea. Please watch for details about this. We will have a summer unit and celebrate summer holidays. We will also celebrate the children who have summer birthdays. This unit will include some special activities that we will send more information about later.

The Gummy Bears continue to work on cutting, coloring, painting and gluing. We discuss colors in our environment and shapes that we see every day. (You may want to help your child identify shapes you see while driving in your car.) The Gummies also are, count, work on name recognition and discuss the letters we have in our names.

Stop by in the fall and say Hi - we'd love to see how our Gummy Bears have grown. Have a safe and happy summer.

Mrs. Bivens and Mrs. Glades

Extended Enrichment

The last month of school is here. Can you believe it? In Enrichment we have saved some of the all time favorites for last!

We will start the month by exploring all about oceans. We will be creating beautiful jellyfish and painting starfish!

Water days will be coming May 13, 14, and 15th. This is our most popular unit so please sign up early to secure your child a spot. Your child will need a swimsuit, sun screen, sandals and a towel for all of the fun water activities that will take place on the church lawn. Water Days depends on Oklahoma weather! If it rains, we will postpone Water Days to the next week. If it rains all week, we will have Water Days the last week of school. If you have any questions,

stop by.

* Please dress your children in an outfit that is EASY for them to dress/undress by themselves. We will apply the sunscreen to the afternoon children, but are asking that morning EE children come with the sunscreen already applied.



*PM EE girls: please do NOT put one piece swimsuit under clothes. This makes bathroom breaks in the morning very difficult!

We will focus on Summer time! We will be making sock puppets and kites, as well as reading stories about the lazy days of summer.

Our final class project will be our class flag made from our handprints. Be sure to look for it in the Enrichment hallway!

Most of all we want to thank you for entrusting us with your most precious assets this school year. We have truly enjoyed our time with each of them. We love all of our enrichment friends and wish you all a safe and joyous summer!

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

Rainbows (Fall and Spring)

"Terrific, great and FUNTASTIC". best describes our annual Fantasy Festival! The Rainbow boys and girls worked hard creating our castle, wands, crowns, knight armor, and will give life to our wonderful fairy princess and knight outfits. The children enjoy dressing up for the day, blowing bubbles, chasing balloons, and feasting. What FUN!

Thank you, thank you to all moms and dads are helping create our time of fairy tales and make believe truly wonderful. What a wonderful time for all the children.

May will bring our very own mad scientist (a.k.a. Mrs. Nelson) to class for all kinds of hands on science experiments. We will also have fun with shaving cream, sidewalk chalk, movie time and re-reading some of our favorite books.

We want to take this opportunity to share with you our joy in watching the Rainbows develop into such delightful and unique children. Thank you again for letting us be a part of this important developmental year.

Have a wonderful summer. Please drop by and say "hi" next year. Rainbow hugs are always welcome.

Mrs. Longley and Mrs. Nelson

Sunbeams

Our Sunbeams have grown so much during the year - physically, socially, and academically. Thank you for letting us be part of this ongoing process. Your partnership has benefitted all of us.

In May we will explore the ocean and continue to celebrate spring and the upcoming summer! Your child is invited to bring a few shells or other items from past beach experiences for the class to observe. Please mark these so that they can be returned to you.

Please mark your calendars on May 15th for our annual "Mom, Dad, and Me" tea. This is a very special day for your Sunbeam, and we ask for you to find care for younger siblings so you can fully appreciate your child. Thank you for making this effort. We'll sing a few songs and eat some goodies. What fun!!

We have really enjoyed getting to know your children and each of their unique qualities. We take great pleasure in seeing them learn and mature throughout the year. You are all very blessed to have such great children! Thank you for sharing them with us. Have a great summer!

Mrs. Schutter and Mrs. Griffin

Superstars

Farm animals will be the focus of our next curriculum unit. The Superstars will learn about the many different ways that farm animals help us and the names (males, females and babies) of the various farm animals. We will taste different kinds of milk and make butter. At the science center we will observe and compare the different grains and seeds farm animals eat.

Finally, our month will conclude with a special unit on insects and bugs! We will observe the life stages, and body parts of a caterpillar. *Be sure to mark your calendar now for the class play. Each Superstar will have a starring role in "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle. The performance will be Monday, May 19 at 10:45 am.* Just as caterpillars change into beautiful butterflies, so have our Superstars! It has been a joy and honor to serve as your child's teacher this year. Thank you for the privilege.

Love - Mrs. Bules and Mrs. Fick