

# First United Methodist Church Preschool / Mother's Day Out November, 2007



## FROM THE DIRECTOR

This beautiful Fall weather is wonderful! I so enjoy the change of seasons. What a great time to show your children the wonders of God's great universe!

## Open House

A very fun event that our children look forward to is the school's OPEN HOUSE. The children just love to have their families come to see all their wonderful school projects.

OPEN HOUSE is Thursday, November 1, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. If your child is in AM Preschool or in the Monday/ Wednesday MDO classes, we ask that you come from 7:00 - 7:45. The PM preschool and Tuesday/Thursday MDO classes may arrive for the 7:45 - 8:30 time frame. This time arrangement spreads out the crowd and makes the evening more pleasant for everyone. If you cannot come during your allotted time frame, just come!! This is a very special evening!

## Scholastic Book Fair

We will be having our third annual Scholastic Book Fair on November 12, 13, 14, and 15, from 9:00 - 3:00. Come to Room 107 of the Activity Center on the first floor.

Volunteers to work the Book Fair will be needed. If you would like to volunteer, you may work M-Th from 9:00-11:00, 11-1:00, or 1:00-3:00. Please call the office at 341-1230 to volunteer, and receive a \$6.00 book credit!

Reading to preschoolers enhances their reading skills later on. Give children in your life the gift of books this Christmas.

## Speech Specialist on Staff

The Preschool is privileged to have Sarah Montgomery as part of our team. Mrs. Montgomery is a highly qualified, experienced speech pathologist. If you have questions about your child's speech

development or feel there is a need for Mrs. Montgomery to observe your child in his or her classroom, please stop by the office for a request form.

## Wally Worker Seamstress Needed!

If you enjoy sewing, we have easy sewing projects for you, making pillows or carrying bags. Please contact the Preschool Office at 341-1230, if you'd like to help out in this way.

## Am I Talking to YOU??

Please think **safety** when you are bringing your child to school! Park in the lot EAST of the building and only in designated parking areas. Do not park in the alleyway, per city ordinance and the PS policy manual. With cars parked in the alleyway, children can not be seen walking in between cars. **This is a tow away zone!!**

## Thanksgiving Break

School will be out on November 21 and 22, Wed. and Thurs., for Thanksgiving. We hope you have a great month and a blessed holiday.

*Glennis J. Peterman, Director*

## BUNNIES (Wednesday)

We have really enjoyed our little Bunnies this past month. Most are adjusting well and enjoying themselves. They have tried their hand at painting and coloring, and not one crayon has been eaten!

The Bunnies have graduated from the highchairs to sitting at the table for lunch—such big boys and girls! As always, please remember blankets and sippy cups need names.

Thank you for sharing your beautiful children with us.

*Ms. Cheryl and Ms. Tracey*

## BUNNIES (Tuesday/Thursday)

We hope to see you at Open House, November 1. You will enjoy seeing all of the things your Bunnies do at school.

Our theme for November is Thanksgiving. We will have stories on thankfulness, and give thanks for food and families. We will also be making Native American headbands with feathers and doing some painting on the easel.

We hope everyone has a blessed Thanksgiving.

*Ms. Janice and Ms. Lisa*

## BUSY BEARS

What a fun October the Busy Bears had! Our small motor and sensory skills are developing more and more every day as we explore touch with our bean table, sandpaper, rice bucket, and other items.

November brings more exciting activities. We will be making our own pretzels to eat for snack, and talking about turkeys, pilgrims, and Native Americans. We will be looking at and pointing out the colors black and brown, while adding white later in the month.

Please remember those jackets as it gets quite chilly on the playground first thing in the morning.

Thank you for sharing your children with us, and have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

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

## GUMMY BEARS

Gummy Bears have been busy getting to know our new friends and the new class timetable! They are doing a great job learning all the things that little people have to learn at school (walking in lines, holding the railing, and lots of other responsibilities).

We move around a lot during the day. The children begin the day with the arrival table, then on to the following: welcome songs, restroom break, playground time, circle time, class play time, art, movement games, and then we break for lunch. After lunch, the children take a quiet rest time, and afterwards are up and outside one last time, until parents arrive to take them home. Whew! As you can see, we have full days. But don't forget all the extra's like Jump for Joy, Gymboree, and Fine Arts Institute, that we also manage to fit into our schedules. We have a blast at school!

November themes are manners, turkeys, Thanksgiving and healthy living. During November circle time, we will continue to work on the days of the week and fall colors. Also during circle time, we have a theme related story, and weather bear helps the children decide the appropriate clothes for the day. Then we have the pledge of allegiance, where the day's line leader holds the flag, and also gets to show their special show and share item.

Our cooking projects this month are chocolate dipped pretzels and stone soup. We will cook stone soup in conjunction with our classroom Thanksgiving meal. You will receive an information letter about this Thanksgiving celebration later this month.

We enjoy every child that is in our class; each one of them brings a ray of sunshine into our school day. Thank you for sharing them with us! Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

*Mrs. Glades and Mrs. Bivens*

### **EXTENDED ENRICHMENT**

Fall is finally in full swing and we have many fun activities in store for your children! We will explore apples and healthy living, Thanksgiving, and barnyard friends as our themes throughout the month.

Our Enrichment students are really beginning to get into a fabulous routine at school. We would like to extend an invitation to you to come and enjoy lunch with your child. Coming for lunch is a great way to connect with your child and their school experience!

We hope you enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving season full of family and friends. We join with you in

giving thanks for children. They are truly one of life's greatest blessings!

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

### **RAINBOWS**

Fall is here, and what fun it has been so far! What a thrill it was to see two big fire trucks at school. The firefighters were so friendly and patient as they stressed fire safety and dressed in full fire fighting gear. The Rainbows learned fire safety—stop, drop, and roll, and practiced a fire drill one day.

In October, we also painted all sorts of pumpkins, had fall activities and made "soul-ful" ghosts. We'd like to thank the Rainbows moms who helped make our fall party a fun event with goodie bags and homemade cookies to decorate for everyone.

November is all about food and exploring with our senses. Our apple project will include counting, sorting apples, and eating them. The children will even become little chefs and make apple sauce! Tasting foods that are sweet and sour, and exploring different textures of foods will also be included in this unit.

Our colors for November are yellow and brown, our shape is a rectangle, and our number is 5.

We will be having a Thanksgiving Feast on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the room for feast "fixings" you can send to school. We will also be sending an information sheet home about a family turkey project.

Please remember fall brings a chill to the air, so please send a jacket with your Rainbow. Have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving with your families!

*Mrs. Langley & Mrs. Nelson*

### **SUNBEAMS**

We have been having such a great time in Sunbeams! Our new letter friends this month are: Mr. Z, Mr. P, and Mr. S.

Please remember Open House on Thursday, November 1, from 7:00-8:30pm. We will have some special things for you. Our Fall

Feast is Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Watch for a sign up sheet and more information to come. Also, we will visit Milano's Pizza on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> to round out our nutrition study. We have no school on November 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> for Thanksgiving Break.

Remember to send jackets in the mornings and switch out the extra clothing in your child's backpack for the cooler weather. Please label everything.

We love being your child's teachers! Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

*Mrs. Schutter and Mrs. Griffin*

### **SUPERSTARS**

November is the perfect month to focus on the many people and things for which we are thankful. This month the Superstars will learn about turkeys and the friendships formed by the Native Americans and Pilgrims. A few of our planned learning experiences include: signing a peace treaty, popping popcorn, creating Native American rugs, meeting Albuquerque the Turkey, writing with a "utensil of old," graphing our favorite holiday food, learning a few special holiday songs, and reading books in a teepee. We will conclude our Thanksgiving unit with a feast on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 a.m.

A big "touchdown" thank you to the Dedmon and Anderson families. We love to have parents send special items that enhance our classroom learning experience. During our Letter "S" week the Dedmon family sent a spider for us to examine in our Science Center. The Anderson family brought a computer hard drive for us to disassemble. This was a great way to practice our fine motor skills and learn about the letter "S" while using screwdrivers and counting screws. Thank You!!!

Please see our class calendar for snacks, letter, shape, and number information. We are truly thankful you have chosen to place your most precious blessing at our preschool.

*Mrs. Bules & Mrs. Fick*

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