



First United Methodist Church Preschool / Mother's Day Out November, 2008



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 6, 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!

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.

No Rolling Backpacks

Rolling backpacks are cumbersome and/or unsafe going up the stairs and in the hallways. Send your child to school with a shoulder backpack large enough for a piece of paper to fit inside. Thank you!

Wally is President!

Our older Preschool/MDO children participated in a presidential debate and election on Tuesday, October 28. The candidates were Wally the Worm

use pumpkin in 2009 and Mrs. Peterman. Wally promised extended playground time, delicious snacks, and raises to all the teachers. Mrs. Peterman's platform was more conservative (and realistic). Despite her glitzy wardrobe, Wally won the election and will serve as a (lame-duck or is that lame-worm?!) Preschool/MDO president for the next four years. Wally has re-appointed Mrs. Peterman to his cabinet to serve as Director of the Preschool/MDO.

Update Your E-Mail Address

The office sends e-mail messages to parents regarding events or calendar dates for your child and family. If your e-mail has changed since you enrolled your child in the Preschool/MDO, please complete the form below and return it to the office.



E-Mail Update Form:

Name: _____
Child's Name: _____
Child's Class: _____
E-Mail
Address: _____
Date: _____

Thanksgiving Break

School will be out on Wed. and Thursday, November 26 and 27 for Thanksgiving. We hope you have a great month and a blessed holiday.

Glennis J. Peterman, Director

BUNNIES (Wednesday)

Fall is here! Each Wednesday Bunny has their own pace for adjusting to being away from their care givers and parents. This adjustment is an appropriate



developmental step for this age.

Some of the Bunnies have graduated from the highchairs to sitting at the table for lunch—such big boys and girls!

Please remember to label coats, blankets, and sippy cups with names.

We'll see you at Open House, November 6. 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, Thursday, November 6. You will enjoy seeing all of the things your Bunnies do at school.

Our theme for November is Thanksgiving. We will talk about being thankful, read stories, and create art relating to turkeys, pilgrims, and Indians.

We are still playing outside when possible. Please send a jacket with your Bunny each week.

We hope everyone has a blessed Thanksgiving.

Ms. Janice and Ms. Lisa

BUSY BEARS

Busy Bears had great fun in October! Our small motor and sensory skills are developing day-by-day as we explore touch with our sensory box, sandpaper, rice bucket, and other items.

November brings more exciting activities. We will be talking about turkeys, pilgrims, and Native Americans. Busy Bears will be looking and pointing out the colors black and brown, then adding white later in the month.

Please remember 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. Amanda, and Ms. Stephanie

GUMMY BEARS

The Gummy Bears have been very busy getting to know their friends and the routine of the classroom. They are doing great! There is so much for these little people to remember. We have songs to help with many of these things. Let us know if you hear your child singing them at home!

October was filled with fall activities, which included painting leaves, sorting seeds and acorns. Gummies worked on numbers in our calendar time. The colors red, orange, yellow, and brown were the focus of activities with leaves, pumpkins, and Halloween art. Many of our table activities are not only "theme" related, but also spark parts of the brain that are instrumental in developing preschool skills. We have several tactile exploration centers. These are all fun for the children, and they don't even realize they are learning!

In November, we will continue with a fall theme and colors. We will also include learning experiences with farm animals, Native Americans, Pilgrims, and turkeys. During this time, Gummy Bears will learn about manners, such as sharing, saying please, and thank you. Some of their table activities for

November will be: playing with feathers, hidden objects in deer corn, playing blocks with small hay bales, making Indian headbands, and painting with corn. We will read "Stone Soup," and then cook the soup for our Thanksgiving feast. More information will come home soon about our feast.

With cooler weather coming, please remember to send appropriate outerwear with your child's name on it. We go outside whenever possible.

We thank each of you for the encouragement you have given us, and the support you all show for our class. We enjoy your children so much; it is so much fun to watch them learn.

Mrs. Glades and Mrs. Bivens

EXTENDED ENRICHMENT

Fall is finally in full swing, and we have many fun art, cooking, and science activities in store for your children this month! Our Enrichment students are beginning to get into a fabulous routine at school.

Colder weather is now upon us, so don't forget to send your child with a labeled coat or jacket that they can put on by themselves. We help them button or zip their jackets.

We would like to extend an invitation to you to come and enjoy lunch with your child. Coming to 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 one of life's greatest blessings!

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

RAINBOWS

Fall is here, and what fun it has been so far! What a thrill it was to see a big fire truck at school. The firefighters were so friendly. They dressed in full fire fighting gear, and stressed the importance of fire safety such as: stop, drop, and roll. Rainbows also practiced a fire drill.

In October, we 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, and eating apples. The children will become little chefs and make apple sauce! They will taste foods that are sweet, sour, salty, and bitter, and explore different textures of foods for this unit. Our colors for November are yellow and brown, our shape is a rectangle, and our number is 5.

A very special event for Rainbows will be our Thanksgiving Feast on **Tuesday, November 25**. We will reenact the first Thanksgiving. 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.

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. Peterman, Mrs. Nelson
and Mrs. Harrison*

SUNBEAMS

We are having such a great time in Sunbeams! Our new letter friends this month are: Mr. Z, Mr. P, and Mr. S. We will also learn about nutrition, family, Thanksgiving, and traditions this month.

Please remember Open House on **Thursday, November 6**, from 7:00-8:30pm. Our Fall Feast is on **Tuesday, November 25**. Watch for a sign-up sheet and more information in the future. We will have some special surprises for you. We will be out of school on November 26 and 27 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. We will learn about turkeys and the friendships formed by 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, and writing with an "utensil of old." Superstars will graph their favorite holiday food, learn a few special holiday songs, and read books in a teepee. We will conclude our Thanksgiving unit with a feast on **Thursday, November 20**, at 10:45 a.m.

Do any of you have an old computer hard drive for us to disassemble? This will be a fun way for us to practice our fine motor skills and learn about the letter "S" while using screwdrivers and counting screws.

We are truly thankful you have chosen to place your most precious blessing at our preschool.

Mrs. Bules & Mrs. Fick

**Happy
Thanksgiving**