



# First United Methodist Church Preschool / Mother's Day Out November, 2009

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

This fall weather is wonderful and the colorful leaves are beautiful! 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 super school projects.

**OPEN HOUSE is Thursday, November 12, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.**  
To spread out the crowd and make the evening more pleasant for everyone we ask, if possible, come at the following times:

*AM Preschool or Monday/ Wednesday  
MDO classes: 7:00 - 7:45 p.m..*

*PM Preschool or Tuesday/Thursday  
MDO classes: 7:45 - 8:30 p.m.*

If you cannot come during your allotted time frame, by all means - just come!! This is a very special evening!

## Update Your E-Mail Address

The office staff 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.

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**E-Mail Update Form:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.

## Thanksgiving Break

There will be no school Wednesday. and **Thursday, November 25 and 26** for Thanksgiving. We hope you have a great month and a blessed holiday.

*Glennis J. Peterman, Director*

## BUNNIES (Monday /Wednesday)

Hello Bunny Parents! We can't believe the first two months of school are already over!

Drop off's are really improving each time you bring your child to school. Thanks for arriving as close to 9:00 a.m. as possible. When the children all arrive together the transition away from moms / dads is easier on them. Again, thanks.

We have made a few trips to the gym for playtime; the children really seem to enjoy the excursion. As more of the Bunnies begin walking regularly, we will make it part of our morning routine.

Please remember Open House on Nov. 12, we will have something special for you to take home!

Also, please label everything. Thanks again for sharing your little blessings with us!

*Ms. Jeannette and Ms. Angie*

## BUNNIES (Tuesday/Thursday)

Our theme for November is Thanksgiving. We will be making Native American head bands, turkeys, and will talk about what we are thankful for.

We will still be going outside as long as the temperature and wind chill are above freezing; so please send a warm jacket.

We look forward to seeing you at our Open House on November 12.

We hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving with friends and family.

*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 bean table, different art textures and other items.

November brings more exciting activities. We will be talking more about fall, leaves, pumpkins and, of course, Thanksgiving! Busy Bears will be looking and pointing out the colors black, white and brown; learning basic shapes and counting to five.

Please remember jackets (labeled with name), as it gets chilly on the playground first thing in the morning.

Don't forget open house is Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for sharing your children with us. We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

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

## 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 a song for so many things, which help the children learn some of the rules. They may be singing them at home.

October was filled with Fall activities which included painting leaves and sorting seeds and acorns. We work on numbers with our calendar and with the colors red, orange, yellow and brown in the activities with leaves, pumpkins and other Fall and Halloween art. Many of our centers have activities that are not only "theme" related but also instrumental in developing fine motor skills, matching, sorting, exploration, tactile and just plain fun!

In November, we will continue with the Fall theme and colors. We will also include learning experiences with Farm animals, Native Americans, Pilgrims and turkeys. During this time, we will continue to learn about manners. Some of our table activities for November will be playing with feathers, hidden objects in deer corn, playing blocks with small hay bales, making Native American head bands, painting with corn and other Thanksgiving related ideas. We will have "Stone Soup" for our Thanksgiving feast. There will be more information about this later.

We'd love to see you at Open House on November 12 at 7:00 pm. Mark your calendar for that fun event.

Please remember that we will be going outside as much as possible. Label your child's jacket because we do have a few that have similar outerwear. Thank you for all that you do!

*Mrs. Glades and Mrs. Bivens*

## EXTENDED ENRICHMENT

There's always something exciting happening in Enrichment and November is no exception! We have some super fun art, science and cooking activities planned. We look forward to having your child join us.

Colder weather has blown in, so please send your children in warm jackets – and maybe even hats and gloves! We play outside almost every day to enjoy the fresh air, but it can be chilly! Please be sure your child's name is on his / her coat, hat, mittens,

# Happy Thanksgiving

and lunch items. This helps not only the children, but the teachers as well.

As we recall our blessings this month, please know we are thankful for your children and grateful to you for entrusting them to our care. Happy Thanksgiving!

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

## 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 carved pumpkins, had fall activities, and made Rainbow Forest. 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.

We're working on special art for Open House. You won't want to miss it, November 12.

November is all about food and exploring with our senses. We 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 24**. 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. Cromer*

## SUNBEAMS

We are having such a great time in Sunbeams; learning is so much fun! Our new letter friends this month are: B, Z, and P. Early in November we will make banana pudding...yum. Later we will talk

about food when we get ready for Thanksgiving.

Please remember Open House on **Thursday, November 12**, from 7:00-8:30pm. We will have some special things for you. Our Fall Feast is Tuesday, November 24. Watch for a sign up sheet and more information to come. We break for Thanksgiving November 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy your family!

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 question 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*

