

# First United Methodist Church

## Preschool/MDO

### October 2007



#### From the Director....

What an awesome beginning to a great year!

A reminder that **Fall Break** will be **October 18 through 22**. Enjoy this time with your children!

Also, please mark your calendars now for this special time: **Preschool / MDO Open House, Thursday, November 1, 7:30-8:30 p.m.**

With the change in seasons, don't forget to send your child with a sweater or jacket for the playground. Mornings are starting to be cool, and we love to go outside.

#### Parking and Student Pick-Up

I appreciate all the support and cooperation that we are receiving from parents. Thank you for your patience as we negotiate student pick-up with construction in the area.

Please make sure your parking tag is visible from the windshield. Also be observant of the City of Edmond NO PARKING signs in the alley. You may not park in the alleyway or behind the church when you walk your children to the classroom (see policy manual pg. 7). It is not safe for children to walk between parked cars! We will start enforcing the \$5.00 parking fine beginning this month. School days go so much better when we all work together

#### Do You Like Fresh Cookies?

Do you enjoy fresh cookies but don't have the time to make homemade recipes? Please order some cookie dough from our fund raiser, from September 24-October 4. Order forms have gone home in your child's backpack! Profits go toward the purchase of classroom teaching tools.



#### Photo Opportunities

On **Tuesday, Oct. 16** and **Wednesday, Oct. 17**, a photographer will be at the Preschool to take individual pictures. A flier will go

home later this month with the specific date for your child's class.

#### Please Mark Tuition Checks!

Tuition is due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. A \$5 late fee will be assessed after this date.

Thank you for placing your child's first name and last name, if different from yours, on the memo line of your tuition and Enrichment checks. We have several families with the same last names enrolled in school this year. Placing your child's first name on the check will help us post payments correctly to your account.

Please pay for Enrichment sessions with a check separate from your child's monthly tuition payment. Note "EE/Child's Name" on the memo line. Thanks!

#### Creativity, Jumps, and Joys

Janice Williams offers our classes a fun and creative structured movement class called *Jump for Joy* on Wednesday. If your child does not attend on Wednesdays, our Mother's Day Out teachers have structured movement each day in the classroom. Please send your child to school in shoes that will allow them to Jump for Joy!!



In addition to Jump for Joy, Gymboree comes to our Mother's Day Out Classes, (2 years old and up), and Preschool Classes once a month for fun-filled activities. The Fine Arts Institute also leads our 3, 4, and 5 year olds in a monthly art activity.

*Glennis J. Peterman, Director*

#### BUNNIES (Tuesday/Thursday)

The Bunnies are off to a great start. Our theme for the month of October is fall. We have lots of fun activities planned.

Please remember to bring a jacket for your little bunny. We go

outside in the mornings, and sometimes it can be a little chilly. Thanks!

*Ms. Janice and Ms. Lisa*

#### BUNNIES (Wednesday)

Welcome to all our new little friends! Thank you for sharing your children with us. Your children are making the transition from home to mother's day out with baby steps. We want your children to be comfortable with us. They are learning more gross motor skills, as each one learns to walk and run. We are planning some surprises for you at Open House on November 1<sup>st</sup>! Hope to see you there.

Remember to send a juice or sippy cup of water to set out and a milk cup to be left cold for lunch. Also, please remember to label everything. Thanks!

*Ms. Tracey and Ms. Cheryl*

#### BUSY BEARS

Welcome! September passed quickly as we spent time getting to know each other and making new friends.

During the month of October, we will start fall projects and get ready for Open House on November 1<sup>st</sup>. You may see some very special art! This month we will learn about fall colors by including the color orange to our circle time. We will continue to work the colors yellow and brown that we started in September.

Please remember to send a light jacket for outdoor play. It can get chilly this time of year. Thank you for sharing your children with us.

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

## GUMMY BEARS

The Gummy Bear room is full of fun, activities, and lots of energy. During free play, the children are exploring all the hands-on toys. Their favorite so far is the ice-cream magnetic toy. The children are doing very well at serving one another and sharing. (The Gummies don't realize they are practicing big three year old social skills—interactively playing with one another instead of parallel play, as they did when they were younger!) The children also love the big playground where they can climb, swing and run around. This is going to be a great year!

Our themes for October include fall, leaves, spiders, pumpkins and Halloween.

*Mrs. Glades and Mrs. Bivens*

## EXTENDED ENRICHMENT

We are so happy to have such a wonderful group in Enrichment this year! Thank you for sharing your children with us!

In October, we will focus on ABC's, numbers and colors, the Oklahoma centennial celebration, pumpkins, fall, and Halloween. We are planning many open ended art projects this year, so expect a variety of fun, child-created crafts to be coming home with your children. We feel this open-ended approach will allow your child to more creatively express themselves with art.

Most importantly, thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child's time at FUMC. We truly value your family and your children!

*Mrs. Cromer, Mrs. Fuller,*

*Mrs. Emery and Mrs. Sturm*

## RAINBOWS

Our first month together was one of learning new rules, making new friends, and enjoying the classroom routine. At calendar time we work on the pledge of allegiance, weather, name of the month, days of the week, shapes, colors, and numbers—all with Tommy Turtle's help. Tommy hides every day in our room and the daily leader has to find him. The **Turtle Song** words are:

*Tommy Turtle, Tommy Turtle  
What's the weather today?  
Tommy Turtle, Tommy Turtle  
What does the weatherman say?  
Is it cloudy? Is it sunny?*

*Is it rainy, today?*

*Tommy Turtle, Tommy Turtle  
Can we go out to play?*

In September, we read many nursery rhymes. We jumped over the candlestick like Jack, scared Mr. & Mrs. Muffet with the spider, and tried to put Humpty - Dumpty together again. After reading *Three Little Pigs*, we baked and ate pigs in a blanket. Transportation took us on land, sea, and in the air. We took a trip by bus, boat, and airplane—and never left our room! Our imagination can be a great learning tool.

October brings fall & safety activities. One highlight is a visit from our Edmond firemen and their truck. We will have an apple unit, including sorting, graphing, eating, and making applesauce. Paper pumpkins, real pumpkins, and other fall projects will fill our days. The Rainbows also are anxiously awaiting their chance to dress up as their favorite super hero, animal, princess, or pirate.

Our colors for October are orange and black, our shape is a square, and we will feature the numbers 3 and 4.

We think each Rainbow is special and offers a unique gift to the class. Thank you for bringing them to our program. Teaching is a privilege and always fun.

*Mrs. Longley & Mrs. Nelson*

## SUNBEAMS

School is in full swing and we have had an awesome start. The children are learning about themselves, how they are unique individuals. We began our letter studies by introducing "Mr. M" and "Mr. T." Sunbeams are learning to work in centers and enjoy calendar time by listening to and being respectful of one another, to share during playroom time, and to play together well on the playground.

We will step into fall with autumn theme art and science projects. Our letter friends will be F, N, H, B, and A. Remember that letter show and share is every Wednesday. The children love sharing their items, and will enjoy reviewing the letters with these articles later in the year.



We enjoy working with your children. Thank you for entrusting them to us.

*Mrs. Schutter and Mrs. Griffin*

## SUPERSTARS

Our first month together was one of making new friends and learning school rules. The Super Stars are having fun learning our **Days of the Week** song. Be sure to have your Super Star sing you the song; it's so much fun to watch them snap their fingers, "click" their tongues and sing.

**(Tune: Adams Family)**

*Days of the week (snap, snap)*

*Days of the week (snap, snap)*

*Days of the week, Days of the week,*

*Days of the week (snap, snap)*

*There's Sunday and there's Monday*

*There's Tuesday and there's Wednesday*

*There's Thursday and there's Friday*

*And there's Saturday*

*Days of the week (snap, snap)*

*Days of the week (snap, snap)*

*Days of the week, Days of the week,*

*Days of the week (snap, snap)*

*Days of the week (snap, snap)*

In October, we will celebrate Oklahoma's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday by having a school-wide party, complete with birthday cake. Our Super Stars will have the opportunity to explore some of the people of Oklahoma, and our state symbols.

A real fire engine will come to our school so the children can see the different tools firefighters use to do their job. They will also learn about fire safety from one of our very own Edmond firefighters.

Super Stars will celebrate a fun holiday--Halloween! We have planned many learning experiences, which will focus on vocabulary that will develop language skills by reciting rhymes and songs. We will even carve a pumpkin. Our month will conclude with a Halloween Party on **Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00**. Yes, your child may wear their costume to school, as long as it is child friendly (easy to get off, not scary, no weapons, and appropriate!)

Thank you for sharing your most precious gift with us, your children!

*Mrs. Blues and Mrs. Fick*

