

First United Methodist Church

Preschool/MDO

October 2008



From the Director....

What an awesome beginning to a great year!

Please Mark Tuition Checks!

Tuition is due by the 10th 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.

If you are *NOT* Guaranteed Enrichment, please pay for Enrichment sessions with a separate check from your child's monthly tuition, and note "EE" on the memo line. Thanks!

Do You Like Fresh Cookies?

Do you enjoy fresh cookies but don't have the time to make them from scratch? Please order cookie dough from our fundraiser, September 29th - October 9th. Order forms go home the week of September 29.

Check your child's backpack! Profits go toward the purchase of classroom teaching tools that are greatly appreciated by the teachers.



Photo Opportunities

On **Tuesday, Oct. 14th** and **Wednesday, Oct. 15th**, 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.

Fall Calendar

A reminder that **Fall Break** will be **October 16th through 20th**. Enjoy this time with your children!

We'll celebrate All Hallow's Eve on October 30. Some classes celebrate by wearing costumes. Please look for a memo from your child's teachers about their class activities for that day.

Also, please mark your calendars now for this special time: **Preschool / MDO Open House, Thursday, November 6th, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** More

information on this will come later.

Vote for Wally for President Oct. 28!

Clothing and Shoes

With the season change, please send your child with a sweater or jacket for the playground. Mornings are cool, and we love to go outside! Send your child to school in tennis shoes or strap shoes that are easy to climb on the big playground equipment. (Policy manual p. 9)

Student Pick-Up

I appreciate all the cooperation we are receiving from parents. Thank you for your patience as we negotiate student pick-up. Rainbow and Sunbeam car line parents: **Due to dark windows, please hold up the blue or yellow name strip low and close to the windshield to help teachers see your child's name.**

Creativity, Jumps, and Joys

Julie Gaines offers our classes a fun and creative structured movement class called *Jump for Joy* on Wednesdays. 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!!



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

Big Thank You's!

John Walters, Rex's Playground, donated the parts to repair our swing sets and repaired them this summer. He's a great guy! **Crest Foods** graciously sponsored

our recycling unit during Summer Delight, by donating cloth grocery bags to our children and their families.

Vote for Mrs. Peterman Oct. 28!!

Glennis J. Peterman, Director

BUNNIES (Tuesday/Thursday)

The Bunnies are off to a hoppin' good start! They are transitioning and beginning to discover that school is fun. Bunny moms have been so good this year about dropping off quickly. This really helps the Bunnies with separation anxiety.

Our theme for October is Fall. We will be doing art and having stories relating to fall, leaves, pumpkins and apples.

Ms. Janice and Ms. Lisa

BUNNIES (Wednesday)

Welcome to all our new little friends! Your children are making the transition from home to Mother's Day Out with baby steps. Our experience tells us soon they will be as happy to see us as we are to see them. Our goal is for your children be comfortable being away from you and with us.

We will be working on some cute little projects this month to surprise you with at our Open House in November. Please come!

Some of our Bunnies aren't walking yet and not ready for the playground. We will be taking little jaunts into the Activities Center via wagon, hips, and feet!

Remember to send a juice / water cup for day time drinking and a milk cup for lunch. Also, please remember to label everything. Thank you so much for sharing your beautiful children with us!

Ms. Tracey and Ms. Cheryl

BUSY BEARS

The Busy Bears are off to a

great start! They are making new friends and learning classroom routine. Our goal this semester is to help develop small motor and sensory skills. Weekly, Busy Bears will explore various textures in art, the bean table, and sensory box.

In October, fall is our theme. We will work on some fun projects to surprise you with at our Open House in November. Art will not be coming home every week.

As the weather turns cooler, please send a jacket with your child. Thank you for sending spill-proof cups in lunches, and leaving out the go-gurts and jell-o. We also appreciate you not sending sugary treats in lunches as the children nap after we eat.

Thank you for sharing your children with us.

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

GUMMY BEARS

The Gummy Bears are off to a great start this year. They have had so much fun getting to know their teachers and each other. We have such wonderful energy in our classroom! The children are learning class routines, everyone's names, and a lot of songs! It's amazing all the information they can process at once!

We have calendar time everyday, where we learn the days of the week, months of the year, and recognition of numbers. We discuss the weather and dress Weather Bear for outdoor play.

In September, we focused on being at school and had a unit on apples. The children also learned about transportation, which included cars, planes, trains, boats, buses, motorcycles, etc.

October activities will include fall leaves, scarecrows, pumpkins, fall colors (orange, yellow, brown, red), and Halloween. We will send more information later and have a sign up sheet for our fall parties. Our snack time is a great time for socialization and self-help skills. All of the snacks provided have been perfect. Please include napkins when you send your snack.

We enjoy our Gummy Bears!

Mrs. Glades and Mrs. Bivens

EXTENDED ENRICHMENT

Wow! What great Enrichment

friends we have in class this year! Thank you for sharing your children!

September blew by in a flash, and now October is upon us. Our topics for October include: numbers, colors, ABC's, pumpkins, fall, and Halloween! We have added science to our program, and can't wait to get started. This month we will be learning about mixing colors and pumpkin carving. In cooking, we will be painting toast and dipping marshmallows! YUM!

We are off to a great start and hope to see you in Enrichment!

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

RAINBOWS

Our first month together was one of learning new rules and making new friends. "Tommy Turtle" is a Rainbow celebrity and a favorite part of our calendar time. Every day Tommy hides and the leader of the day has to find him. To help you join in the fun here are lyrics to our song:

*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?*

October is fire safety month. Edmond firefighters and a real fire engine will visit our school. The children will learn about firefighters, their tools and all about fire safety like "stop, drop, and roll."

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

We will also celebrate a fun holiday for children - Halloween! Many learning experiences have been planned which will focus on safety, pumpkin carving, and trying on costumes in our dramatic play area. Rainbows will also develop language skills by reciting fall rhymes and songs. Our month will conclude with our Halloween treat on Thursday, October 30th at snack time. More information on our celebration will be provided at a later date.

We are truly blessed that you would share your precious children.

*Mrs. Peterman, Mrs. Harrison
and Mrs. Nelson*



SUNBEAMS

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

We will step into fall with autumn theme art and science projects. Our letter friends will be F, H, N, A and B. Remember, letter show and share is every Wednesday. The children love sharing their items, and will review the letters with these articles later in the year. October is also fire prevention month. We will study safety, especially, "stop, drop, and roll".

Thank you for entrusting your children to us.

Mrs. Schutter and Mrs. Griffin

SUPERSTARS

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

*(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)*

We will begin learning about the election process by voting for a few of our favorite things. During our Oklahoma unit our Superstars will 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 our very own Edmond firefighters.

Superstars will celebrate a fun holiday - Halloween! Many learning experiences have been planned which will focus on Halloween vocabulary and developing language skills by reciting rhymes and songs, and also pumpkin carving. Our month will conclude with a Halloween Party on Thursday, October 30th at 11:00. Yes, your child may wear their costume to school as long as its child friendly-- easy to get off, not scary, and no capes.

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

Mrs. Bules and Mrs. Fick