

# First United Methodist Church

## Preschool/MDO

### October 2009 Newsletter



#### From the Director....

What an awesome beginning to a great year!

#### 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.

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!

#### Home Baked Fresh Cookies?

Do you enjoy fresh cookies but don't have the time to make them from scratch? Order cookie dough from our fundraiser, September 28<sup>th</sup> -October 8<sup>th</sup> to eliminate this problem. Forms go home the week of September 28<sup>th</sup>. So be looking for these! Profits go toward the purchase of classroom teaching tools that are greatly appreciated by the teachers.

#### Photo Opportunities

On **Tuesday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>** and **Wednesday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>**, a photographer will be at the Preschool to take individual pictures. Please see the flier attached to this newsletter with the specific date for your child's class. **The flier is to be returned to school on your child's photo day.**

#### Fall Calendar

A reminder that **Fall Break** will be **October 15<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>**. Enjoy this time with your children!

We'll celebrate All Hallows' 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** More information on this will come later.

#### 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. 10)

#### Student Pick-Up

We appreciate your promptness and dependability in picking up your

children on time. A reminder: **Mother's Day Out classes and Extended Enrichment students need to be picked up from their classrooms no later than 2:45 pm. Preschool classes are picked up at designated locations at 11:30 am or 3:00 pm. There is a LATE FEE of \$5.00 for the first five (5) minutes and \$1.00 for each additional minute will be charged starting at 11:35 am, 2:50 and 3:05 pm. These fees will be added to your child's tuition statement. The clock located in the Welcome / Security entry is used to determine school hours and to calculate late fees and is set with the time at 599-1234.**

#### Creativity, Jumps, and Joys

Julie Gaines offers our classes a fun and creative structured movement class called *Jump for Joy* on Monday and Tuesdays. If your child does not attend on either of these days, 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. You can view the children's art with FAI in the hall.

*Glennis J. Peterman, Director*

#### FROM FIRST CHURCH

At First Church, we would love to have you and your family visit our Sunday School. In October our children will be studying Moses through stories, crafts, and fun activities. Sunday School is 9:45 - 10:45 every Sunday morning, hope to see you soon. If you have questions, please call the church office at 341-0107 and ask for Lisa.

#### BUNNIES (Monday/Wednesday)

Hello to all of our little bunnies and parents! We are so pleased that you have chosen to put your child in our class.

Each day is getting a little easier for your children. They are getting to know us better and learning the routine. We are excited to learn more about each of them. Our goal is for your children to be comfortable being away from you, and also enjoy being with us! Thank you for being so good about quick drop-offs in the morning,

it really helps the Bunnies with separation anxiety.

Also, please remember to label *everything!* We want to make sure that we get all of your things into the right bags to take home.

Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us.

*Ms. Angela and Ms. Jeannette*

#### BUNNIES (Tuesday/Thursday)

Welcome. We're so glad you've chosen us to take care of your Bunnies. Everyone is starting to settle in and getting used to the class routine.

Please remember sneakers work best to climb, play in the sand, run and walk in the mulch.

Thanks to all the parents for doing your best with short good-bye's at the door even though there are some tears. Each week gets easier.

Our theme for October is Fall. We have many fun, Fall art projects we will be working on for Open House on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*Ms. Janice and Ms. Lisa*

#### BUSY BEARS

We are off to a great start with our Busy Bear Class. September passed quickly as we spent time getting to know each other and learning the classroom routine. During the month of October, we will start some cute, fall projects to surprise you with at Open House on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there.

Please remember to LABEL EVERYTHING!! Every blanket and every baby doll and bear for nap time needs to be labeled! Also remember to send a light jacket for outdoor play. It can get chilly this time of year.

Your children are so special, thank you for sharing them with us.

*Ms. Cheryl, Ms. Tracey, and Ms. Latorus*

#### GUMMY BEARS

The Gummy Bears are off to a great start this year! The room is full of fun, learning activities, and lots of energy! The children are settling into the daily routine and having fun getting to know their new teachers and new friends. So far this year, we have practiced cutting, sorting, and coloring; played with magnets and play dough; worked puzzles and done many other fine motor activities.

Our units have included learning about school, apples and



transportation; during which we explored cars, planes, trains, boats, buses, bicycles and motorcycles. We have calendar time every day where we talk about the days of the week and months of the year and number recognition. We discuss the weather and dress



Weather Bear for outdoor play. We are working on lots of new songs many of which help us get from one place to another, such as: Let's line up, Put your finger on the wall, Hold the Railing, Wash your hands, and a clean up song. We also sing a prayer when we have snack and our lunch.

In October, we will enjoy activities with leaves, scarecrows, pumpkins, fall colors (orange, yellow, brown, red) and of course, Halloween. We will send more information later and have a sign up sheet for our Fall Parties. We will also have a visit from the Fire Fighters and get to sit in a real fire truck!

We've started seeing cooler weather. Please don't forget to send a jacket with your child's name in it. It helps us match the child and jacket.

We have really appreciated the extra effort with the snack concerns. All of the snacks provided have been perfect!

Thank you so much for helping us get off to a great start.

*Mrs. Glades and Mrs. Bivens*

**EXTENDED ENRICHMENT**

In September, we met new Enrichment friends. Our activities included: making our own musical instruments; maracas and horns and painting with shaped brushes and cookie cutters. We snacked on Cheerios, chocolate chip cookies, and jello. For October, we'll have exciting times with Fall activities including pumpkins and Halloween. Every week we have a science or cooking activity which the children love – the messier the better! Dress them for play, because that's what we do best in Extended Enrichment. If you haven't sent your Rainbow, Sunbeam, Super Star or Kindergartner to Enrichment we are always glad to welcome new friends to our class!

*Mrs. Emery, Mrs. Mayer,*

*Mrs. Pritch, Mrs. Dradzynski and Mrs. Williams*



**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 29<sup>th</sup> 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. Cromer, Mrs. Peterman,  
and 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, to 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. Social skills are so important.



We will step into fall with autumn theme art and science projects. Our letter friends will be F, H, N, and A. Letter show and share is every Wednesday. So bring a small item or picture from a magazine that we can keep each Wednesday. These will be used throughout the year for Letter Review. The children love sharing their items and will enjoy reviewing with them at a later time. Remember to send a picture on Wednesday that starts with the letter of the week.

We enjoy having your children in our class. Thank you for entrusting them to us.

*Mrs. Schutter and Mrs. Griffin*

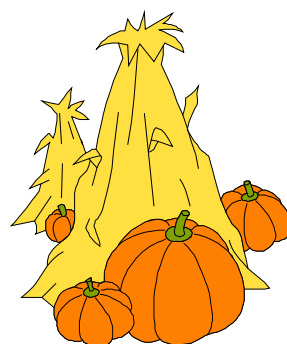
**SUPERSTARS**

Our first month together was one of making new friends and learning school rules. In October, a real fire engine will come to our school so the children can see the different tools firefighters use to do their job. The children will also learn about fire safety from one of our very own Edmond firefighters. Superstars will celebrate a fun holiday - Halloween! Many learning experiences have been planned which will focus on pumpkin carving, vocabulary and developing language skills by reciting rhymes and songs. Our month will conclude with a Halloween Party on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00. Yes, your child may wear their costume to school, as long as it's child friendly

(easy to get off for restroom breaks, not scary, no weapons, and appropriate!)

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

*Mrs. Bules and Mrs. Fick*



**Would you like to help out?**

Sign up to be a Wally Worker or a substitute.

Fill out the form below and turn into the office.

Thanks!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's class: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Days of Attendance: (circle)

M T W TH

Days that you are available:(circle)

M T W TH

Times you are available: (circle)

AM PM All day

Which position?:

\_\_\_\_\_Wally Worker (Shredding, filing, office work, etc...)

\_\_\_\_\_Substitute



**Have a safe  
Fall Break!**