

First United Methodist Church Preschool/MDO April 2009



FROM THE DIRECTOR

What a wonderful school year this has been—filled with excitement at every turn. We're glad your family is part of our program.

A Special Thank You!

A special thank you to our Scholastic Book Fair co-chairs, Edith Amaya and Cindy Jones who worked hard to make our Spring Book Fair a success. Our Book Fair volunteers were: Kalyn Ebadifar, Rachel Fairchild, Kary Hansen, Cambrie Judd, Kara Keenze, Lynn Lee, Kim Moxley, Kerry Oesterle, Janie Myers, Melissa Tanksley, and Joyce Youell. They really rolled out the red carpet for books. **Thanks!!**

Interested in Working Here?

We are now taking applications for office staff and Mother's Day Out teachers. Pick one up in the office if you are interested.

Photo Opportunity!

Spring individual and class pictures will be taken on April 13, 14, and 15. A memo will be sent home from classrooms with more information next week.

Playground Reminder

Your children are playing outside and enjoying the great spring weather. This is great for large motor skill development! Please send your child in tennis shoes, not sandals or flip-flops. Also, a light jacket is needed for the spring chill.



Summer Delight!!

Summer Delight is coming soon! Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, June 2,3,4 and June 9,10,11 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Our summer teachers are planning an exciting two weeks of fun for children in the older Bunny class up through Superstars!

Enrollment is limited and forms will be available soon. Watch for Summer Delight fliers.

Fall Enrollment!

Fall 2009 enrollment has gone very well. Classes have filled up quickly. Thanks to each of you who recommended our program to your friends and family. Your faith and trust in us is a compliment!.

Staff Continuing Education

Our entire staff recently participated in Staff Development training on dealing with developmentally appropriate behaviors in the classroom. The class was taught by Katherine Broekhuysen from DHS.

Parent Evaluations

Attached to the newsletter is a Parent Evaluation form. It is very beneficial to us to have your input into our Preschool / MDO program. Please return your evaluation to the office as soon as possible. The Committee will be reviewing the evaluations at their next meeting. Additional forms are also available at the Welcome desk. Your suggestions are invaluable and enable us to improve and make changes.

Paper Recycling Available

You may recycle your newspapers, magazines, and other paper in the green and yellow paper retriever bin, located in the parking lot west of the church. Celebrate Earth Day—recycle!

Holy Week

If you do not have a church home, I invite you to participate in any or all of the church's Holy Week activities. You will find the schedule attached to our newsletter.



Glennis Peterman

Bunnies (Wednesday)

Wow! The school year is almost over and warmer weather is here, we hope! We will be venturing out to the playground, so be sure to send a jacket for those cool spring mornings. Also look for some fun spring art projects to come home this month.

Our Bunnies are all doing so well. It's amazing to see how much they have grown since the beginning of the year with all their talking and socializing. They are also being able to sit for a short story. Your children are so special. Thank you for sharing them with us.

Mrs. Cheryl and Mrs. Tracey

Bunnies

Spring has sprung! The Bunnies are enjoying being back outside for large motor play. Our themes for April are Easter and Spring. The Bunnies will be very busy making all kinds of fun Easter and Spring crafts. We will also have our Bunny egg hunt the week before Easter.



As always, please send a jacket with your Bunnies. These spring mornings can still be cool and our outside playtime is early. Thanks. Have a wonderful Easter!

Ms. Janice and Ms. Lisa

Busy Bears

What a fabulous spring we have had already with all the beautiful weather. Your Busy Bears are loving all of the outside playtime. Continue to send lots of nutritious food for lunch and snack so we can replenish those calories we are burning at Gymboree and Jump For Joy, as well as on the playground.

A whole class project and 3D explorations are in the works for April art. Ask your Busy Bear about the fun insects and animals they are creating.

Thank you so much for all the

books you donated to our classroom. The kids love our story time and are always anxious for more new stories.

We are so enjoying your children and encourage you to enjoy this age also. It goes by so quickly. Happy April!

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

Gummy Bears

March has been a great month for the Gummy Bears! We have been able to play outside and then the next day put on our heavy coats! We hope your families had a nice Spring Break. We missed our Gummy Bears, but enjoyed the time with our families, too.

During March, we had a unit on dinosaurs and dug for dinosaurs in the sand, traced dinosaurs, and made a big dinosaur with scales. We also discussed St. Patrick's Day and made shamrocks. We had a unit on Nursery Rhymes where we acted some out. We decided they were very silly.

In April, we will celebrate Easter by dyeing real eggs, sorting jelly beans and decorating our own eggs. Our parties will be on Wednesday and Thursday. Watch for more information to come.

We will have a unit on zoo animals and spring. We will talk about baby animals, growing plants and the weather. We will talk about insects and even create some new ones.

The Gummy Bears continue to practice cutting, gluing, coloring, and many other fine motor activities. The children are doing so well during story time and being good listeners. We are so proud of them and love watching them grow and learn

Mrs. Glades and Mrs. Bivens

Extended Enrichment

The year is flying by in Enrichment! April is going to be an exciting month. Easter is almost here and we will have fun with Critters, Carnival Days and more!

In case you are new to Enrichment, Carnival Days week is

a special time of year. We will have carnival games, face painting, candy prizes, etc. Please sign up early as spots for this week fill up fast!

Science is going great! We hope your children have shared with you all that we have learned so far. They are VERY eager to learn and that makes it FUN! Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child's preschool experience.

*Mrs. Cromer, Mrs. Emery,
Mrs. Fuller, and Mrs. Harrison*

Rainbows

"April Showers" bring May flowers. During the month of April we will be talking about spring. We will learn how seeds grow into flowers and grass. Zoo, farm animals, and pets will be included in our April activities with stories and art projects.

Perhaps our most fun and exciting unit in April is our Fairy Tale Fantasy unit. A few highlights include: painting a castle, creating costumes, and using our imaginations, as we read classic fairy tales. Be sure to watch for our sign-up sheets. We will need a little parental help with the festival. Also we will be collecting \$2 from each family to help cover costume supplies. Every child will be able to take home their costume and continue enjoying their imagination. Invitations will be sent home in April inviting all families to our Fantasy Festival, which will be the first week of May.

In April, we will review our colors, talk about patterns, dots, stripes, and learn about the number 10.

We appreciate our parents taking time to come to parent/teacher conferences. It is always a treat to talk about your Rainbow. What a joy it has been watching their progress this year! We love them and are honored to share in their educational journey.

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



Sunbeams

What an exciting time of year for Sunbeams - they have learned and grown so much this year!

Thank you for attending conferences in March. We hope the information we provided is useful in making future plans for your child.

April will bring us important studies on bees, Easter, plants, and letter reviews. We will have our Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday, April 9 (10:30-11:00 and 2:00-2:30). Everyone is welcome to come.

If you ever have any questions, please let us know. We really enjoy the opportunity to teach your children.

Mrs. Schutter and Mrs. Griffin

Superstars

April showers bring...different types of weather conditions in Oklahoma. We will explore clouds, rain, evaporation, tornadoes, and more!!!!

Lions, tigers, and bears, oh my! Our zoo unit will provide Superstars with the opportunity to become familiar with the names, needs, and homes of various zoo animals.

Our month will conclude with *Old McDonald Had a Farm*. During this unit, Superstars will learn the baby and adult names of animals and discover how and where our food comes from.

We enjoy our Superstar boys and girls!

Mrs. Bules and Mrs. Fick



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