



First United
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Preschool

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Calendar

- May 14 No School
- May 19 Slide Show 11:45 AM
NO LUNCH BUNCH
- May 21 Final Lunch Bunch
- May 24 Bike Day Pre-K Classes
only, bring bike and
helmet
- May 24 Beach Days 3 Year Olds
& 26 only, swim wear & sun-
screen
- May 26 Last day of classes
- May 27 End of Year School
Picnic—All classes

Wednesday MAY 26TH

ALL MWF CLASSES, MW CLASS AND 4-DAY
CLASS WILL HAVE CLASS AT PRESCHOOL

Thursday MAY 27TH

ALL SCHOOL PICNIC AT CITY PARK 10-12 (No
classes at Preschool) Bring a lunch for your whole
family

Parent Newsletter

May 2010

From the Director's Desk

It is very hard for me to believe that the school year is almost over. It has been a wonderful year with many fun positive experiences for the children, parents and staff. I want to personally express my deepest thanks and appreciation to so many people who have helped make this school year so rewarding and my job so much fun.

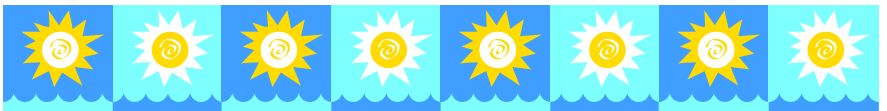
- Our fabulous teachers, you are the heart and soul of our program. You never cease to stop learning and growing. You bring a 100% of yourselves to the kids and parents each day. You each have such a gift, Thank-you!
- Our newest staff members Kris Horn and Laurie Elliott, the time and dedication you have given to the preschool this year is over and beyond. It is a privilege to work with you both of you.
- The Parent Advisory Board—you have given endless hours of energy to help our preschool run smoothly and efficiently.
- My friend Barb Grauberger. Wow the leadership you have given this preschool as a three term Preschool Board President! Most importantly you have supported the preschool and me for the eight years you have been here. As we always say, "The best friends I ever made are the friends I made at Preschool."
- Our outgoing board members each contributed something very special to the program during their two years. Soley Belt thank you for the playground design and remodel. Shannon Hill "webmaster" for improving the website. And Wendy Rankin master organizer and cheerful problem solver. Each of you shared your gifts and talents and we are forever grateful.
- To all of you, the parents who trusted us with your precious preschooler and took an active role in their preschool education.
- And most important, all the children, for greeting me each day, the hugs, and especially the joy of discovery on their faces.

This list is incomplete and we do not have room to name each of you individually. There is always a risk when you try to express thanks to individuals because so many people have helped in so many ways. Thank you to each of you for sharing your children, yourselves, and your families with me and our preschool...Have a great summer!

Year End Picnic

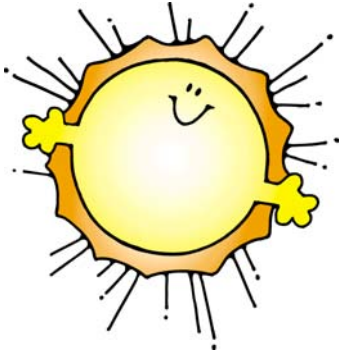
Come join the entire preschool in celebration of a wonderful preschool year. On **Thursday, May 27th** we will be having our Preschool Year End Picnic at City Park from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. We will be gathering under the covered picnic area next to the playground for lots of fun and fellowship. The train has been reserved for us and will run from 10-12.

So...pack a sack lunch with drinks for your whole family (siblings are invited!), sun screen, and your conductor's hat and meet us at the picnic. SEE YOU THERE!!!!



Sunscreen

Spring has sprung and we have lots of plans for outside activities. Please put sunscreen on your child before sending them to school. Thanks!



Slide & DVD Show

Come see our preschool movie stars on the big screen!! Bring a blanket and a sack lunch to Fellowship Hall at 11:45 on May 19th for the premier of the greatest show of 2009-2010, starring your children! Cindy Tusa has been putting together the slide show. This is something you don't want to miss. We are taking orders for copies of the slide show at a cost of \$5 each. We hope to have these copied and ready for you before school is out.

No lunch bunch this day, we hope you all can come!

Lunch Bunch

No Lunch Bunch the last week of school. The last lunch bunch of the year is Friday May 21st. If you are remaining with the program next year we'll carry that credit over to next fall unless otherwise requested.

How Are the Children Award



Beverly Halperin served as the first director of the Preschool from 1994-2000. With children as her passion, Bev believed that our country would be a better place if we adopted an African tradition—no greeting is considered complete until each person has been asked, "How are the Children?" The "How are the Children" award is presented annually by the FUMC Parent Advisory Board to the preschool parent who has perpetuated Bev's commitment to putting children first. The award will be presented at the slide show.

2010/2011 Forms Due

2010-2011 school year forms are due NOW!! Returning families need to return the **family information form, blue card, information and authorization and a current health status.** A new immunization is not necessary for returning students. Please remember all medical information **MUST BY SIGNED BY THE DOCTOR.** If you are waiting for a summer exam please make a note for me as to when to expect that form from you. The more paperwork I can get in before summer the better. In the fall my dream is always to be getting to know children and you, not tracking down paperwork.

Thanks, Laura

Fall Orientation Dates

- Sep 1 Parents Meeting
- Sep 7 Orientation 4-day & TTh
- Sep 8 Orientation MWF & MW
1st Day 4-day
- Sep 9 1st Day TTh
- Sep 10 1st Day MWF & MW

Check out the website for the entire 2010-2011 calendar.

Mom's Day Out Summer Program

Mom's day Out will run a short, 4 week summer program, beginning on June 29 and ending on July 22. Hours will be Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9-1. One class for 2 year olds and one class for 3-6 year olds. Rates will be the same at \$5.50 an hour.

In next year's directory we will be adding e-mail addresses. As with phone numbers and addresses, e-mail address are for preschool use only.

Board Members for Next Year

I personally want to thank everyone that applied for the Preschool Board this year. We had an outstanding group of individuals interested in serving our program at the highest level. Everyone that applied for the board this year is an exceptional individual. Thank you! All of you are amazing!

The Board members for the 2010-2011 school year are:

Allison Straubing	President
Julie Sullivan	Vice President
Kami Miller	Purchasing Coordinator
Nikki Higgins	Secretary
Myndi Daub	Coordinator Manager
Allison McGonagle	Coordinator
Christie Pennock	Coordinator