

October, 2015

**FUMPS Voted "Best Preschool in Riverside" by the Press Enterprise!**

**Thank you all who voted for us & to our dedicated, hard working teachers who always give 110% and to those wonderfully visionary women who came before us that set the strong foundation we follow today!**

God Made the Sun,  
God Made the Rain,  
God made the Fish  
And God made Me.

Thank You for the Sun,  
Thank You for the Fish,  
Thank You for the Rain  
And Thank You for Me!  
Amen.

Here we are starting our second month together and your children are busy learning all the teacher's names and faces, as well as, making those first vulnerable moves toward friendship. It is truly some of the best times.

October is Safety Month & we've practiced our first Fire and Duck & Cover Drills & the Fire Trucks from Station #1 will be visiting us. We will get to see fire fighting gear, as well as, what's behind all those shiny red doors on the fire truck! Sometimes we are able to sit in the driver's seat of a fire engine or hold the fire hose depending on how busy their day is. It's loud & bright when the lights and sirens get turned on so parents all of this excitement may inspire some spirited conversation over dinner! We would like to say "THANK YOU" to those brave firefighters & what better way than with a dozen home-made cookies. If you can bake a dozen & bring them to school on October 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>, we can present them to the firefighters when they are here. THANKS!

As we move into fall & cooler days (we hope), we will be planting our winter garden & talking a lot about pumpkins. Our own garden areas will be filled with 150 plump little pumpkins for "Pick A Pumpkin" days. Thanks to Lucky Ladybug Reagan's mom Tina for overseeing the garden planting & care as well as getting the plants donated from Parkview Nursery and to Mrs. Judi Jack (Caring Caterpillars Assistant teacher) & Immanuel Lutheran Church for getting us the pumpkins we need.

You have probably noticed that our classrooms have a lot of activity going on, they aren't quiet, and your children are up doing things. Developmentally appropriate classrooms differ from your traditional grade-school classrooms where children sit at desks and listen quietly to a teacher who is doing the talking. Research and

experience tell us that to be effective with young children, teaching practices need to be "developmentally appropriate". What this means is that educators need to think first what young children are like and, what young children like, and then create an environment and experiences that are in tune with children's characteristics. Children 3-6 learn far better through direct interactive experiences than through just listening to someone talk. They learn extraordinary amounts through play and exploration. Based on such knowledge about what children of this age are like, we design our program to fit them. It works a lot better than trying to redesign children!

A developmentally appropriate program like ours is age-appropriate, but that's not all. To make the program a good place for every child, we gear our classrooms and curriculum to the families involved. We're eager to learn as much as we can about each child's family, cultural background, past experiences & current circumstances, so plan to share a career, a talent, or a hobby with your child's class. With this knowledge we can create a program that is relevant and interesting and fits the children and families we serve.

With God's Blessing,

Lee Ann Salmon

Parents, Grandparents & Childcare Families . . . need a morning off to shop, have breakfast out or just get some work done?

**Parents Morning Out is available from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon every Wednesday morning for a \$10.00 donation.**

First United Methodist Church will provide the child care. You bring the diapers, the snacks, etc. that your child will need for their morning with us.

Tuesday, Thursday preschoolers are welcome, siblings, neighbors, friends or relatives. It's easy , , , just sign-up in the church office or call Stephanie at (951) 683-7831 by 4:00 p.m. the Tuesday prior to the Wednesday you would like to leave your child.

#### **Important Reminders**

**The preschool will be closed Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>,**  
so our teachers can attend a Church Related Early Childhood Education Fellowship Institute "Classic Preschool Curriculum with a 2015 Twist".

Halloween is a fun time of dress-up & pretend around FUMPS! Each class will be carving a GIANT jack-o-lantern, having a classroom party and families are invited to our costume parade at 11:30 around the Youth Patio on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> or Friday October 30<sup>th</sup>. Look for the great poster on your classroom bulletin board

asking for healthy, festive holiday snacks, 100% juice & party cups & napkins to add to the fun of the celebration.

**Remember, No Peanuts or Peanut Butter can be brought to school, for snacks, party treats, in lunch boxes or emergency bags.**

**This is very important, so please help us out!**

#### **Just A Reminder**

**\*\*\*\*\* There is no Lunch Bunch on parade days!\*\*\*\*\***

Party days for this year are Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter & the last day of preschool. We are asking for healthy snacks and please no candy, as much of the candy going home in treat bags is a choking hazard!

**Bubbles, inflated balloons, crayons always make great take-home surprises.**

**Please turn your cell phone off.**

This is the time to listen and talk with your child! Thanks!

#### **Books From Our Library**

Over the years our collection of Parenting Books has become outdated. If you have books that you no longer need and would donate to us or have titles to books that you have found helpful, we would like to include them in our library. These books are always available to be checked out.

#### **Fund Raising**

Over the years your fundraising \$\$\$'s have enabled us to completely remodel our play yard, put in new swings, new play structure, new bike path, add shade covers over the swings & sand area, purchase new bikes, wagons & the merry-go-round, replace the three folding curtains between our six classrooms, re-paint, re-carpet & purchase area rugs for all rooms! Our next project is new tile flooring throughout the preschool! You can help us fund these projects - no extra cost to you - by buying Stater Bros. gift cards, opening or linking an existing account at Provident Bank to the preschools account, registering your Ralph's and/or enrolling in our E-Scrip Program. These are all easy ways to help us get what we need for your children! There is no access to your accounts, no charge to you & nothing to sell!

#### **Stater Bros. cards**

are always available in the Preschool Office in \$25 or \$100.00 denominations. For every \$100.00's we sell, we make \$6.00. It adds up quickly with everyone's help!

Thanks to our families, board members, church congregation & teachers buying Stater Bros. Scrip: **Nancy Ballantyne, Bill & Mary Lou Kerrick, Shirley Parks, Barbara Jo Wilson & Lee Ann Salmon.**

**We have made \$240.00 over the summer from Stater's Scrip.**

### **Ralph's**

Take the Ralph's Community Contribution Letter with you the next time you shop & at check-out ask the cashier to scan the bar code at the bottom of the letter along with your Ralph's Club Card. Ralph's will contribute 1% on any single transaction up to \$200.00, 2% on a purchase of \$300.00, 4% on \$400.00 or more each time you scan your Ralph's card.

Thank you Ralph's shoppers!

**19 FUMPS Households earned us \$92.26 over the summer from Ralph's.**

### **Von's**

Sorry to say as of September 10, 2015 Von's is no longer participating in a Community Partnership Program

### **E-Scrip**

If you shop online you can earn us \$\$\$\$'s! All you have to do is register the charge card you use most often at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and each time you make a purchase at a participating store, a % of the purchase price gets electronically deposited into the preschool account.

**We earned \$2.75 from E-Scrip over the summer.**

### **Provident Bank has a Community Partnership Program with us.**

Anyone that banks with Provident or wants to open a new account can call the Main Street Bank at (951) 682-3272 and for Katie & tell her you want your accounts to earn a donation for FUMPS.

[kleal@myprovident.com](mailto:kleal@myprovident.com)

Nothing comes out of your accounts & last year we made \$830.78!

### **Building Friendship Skills**

To have a friend and be a friend are more than wishful expectations in childhood - they are basic needs. Considerable evidence suggests that friendship supports young children's cognitive as well as emotional development. Children who relate to others in socially acceptable ways are usually well-liked and included in play and work activities. For most young children, school is the primary place to develop a sense of social belonging, to form ideas about friendship, and to practice the skills necessary for making and keeping friends.

For 3- & 4- year olds friendship can take on a more intentional aspect by bestowing & withdrawing the status of "friend" at will according to compatibility, moods, & what's happening at the moment. Comments such as "Will you be my friend?", "You're not my friend" or even "I don't like you!" are not literal expressions of emotion, but rather perceptions of the momentary prospects for play. Although

children may experience disappointment and even anger at such a rebuff during playtime, these feelings generally reverse at the next positive encounter.

Healthy peer relationships empower children to develop social competence, embrace egalitarian attitudes and handle conflict effectively. By incorporating friendship as part of our curriculum, we are preparing children for a respectful, responsible role in their ever-expanding world.

"The ages between birth and age five are the foundation upon which successful lives are built".

-Laura Bush

### Preschool Roster

The roster is a listing of all families in our preschool this year. It is given out to help you get in touch with other families that your child may like to play with. If you do not want your name, address and/or phone number in this roster, please let Mrs. Higgins know. **It is not to be used for any other purpose, including sales!** If you have a business you would like to advertise in our roster, \$5.00 will buy you a business-card-size space.

### Want To Help Out This Year . . .

In the classroom, with fundraisers, or special projects or events? Come to the **Volunteer Meeting, Thursday or Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>,** in the child care room at 9:15 a.m. Thanks!!!!!!!

### **THANK U... THANK U... THANK U...**

Thanks to **Tabitha Wilson** for collecting Campbells Soup Labels & Box Tops for Education, to **April Richard** for running our Scholastic Book program & to **Miss Erdman** for handling our bottle & can re-cycling. Through these programs we get books, art supplies, playground equipment, classroom manipulatives & office supplies.

To our new Room Parents in the Happy Owls **Melinda Robbins & Christine Allen**; in the Caring Caterpillars **Judy Dean, Pat Beals & Sophia Schmoltdt**; in the Busy Bees **Dana Alvarez & Nancy Bowen**; in the Sunny Sunflowers **Melissa Lounsbury & Johanna Story**; in the Cute Kittens and **Kellie Snarr, Sabina Loos & Patty Romero** and in the Lucky Ladybugs **Ashley Barnes!** THANK YOU ALL!

### Late Tuition Payments

Tuition is due the first of each month and is considered late after the 10<sup>th</sup>. A \$25.00 late fee will be charged. If you fall behind on tuition your child cannot stay for Lunch Bunch or Early Morning Drop Off until your balance is brought up to date!

### Hats Off to our Caring Caterpillar Teachers . . .

**Miss Emily Binford** . . Emily grew up in First United Methodist Church & we all look forward to her occasional "Children's Moments" during our Sunday Morning Church Service or teaching one of our Vacation Bible School centers. Although not a preschooler at FUMPS, her younger brother Bobby was a Cuddly Cow & a Jolly Giraffe. Emily attended Riverside Christian Day, Woodcrest Christian High School & graduated from Seattle Pacific University with a double major in Individual & Family Development and Educational Ministry. While in Seattle, Emily worked at a childcare in many different capacities most recently teaching in their 3-year-old classroom & successfully helping potty train over 30 children, as well as serving as Interim Director of her Church's Children's Ministry.

Last summer she moved back to Riverside to attend graduate school at Chapman University in order to pursue a Master's of Arts in Teaching. Emily dropped by to visit, we had just lost a teacher, so about a week before our first day of preschool, she stepped in to teach the Caring Caterpillar class! She believes that preschool is one of the first places young children learn how to interact with others - sharing, using kind words, developing patience, and most of all, a desire to continue learning. She wants her classroom to be a place where children learn to love & respect their peers, treat each other with kindness and have fun all along the way! In her spare time, she loves going to Disneyland, reading books at the beach, drinking special coffees from Starbucks and rooting for the Angels! We welcome Miss Emily Binford to our staff and her love of goldfish crackers & glitter!

**Mrs. Judi Jack** changed classrooms this year moving from last years Bouncing Bunnies to the Caring Caterpillars as they are older children who are much better at going to the bathroom in the bathroom! Growing up in Alta Loma as the "middle" child with one older brother & one younger brother must be what gave Judi such a great sense of humor & caring nature! Judi met her husband Mike of 19 years when she stopped to help the victim of a motorcycle accident which turned out to be Mike! She moved to Riverside in 1991, married Mike & bought a home not far from this preschool & where Mike grew up! They have one daughter Amanda, who was a "FUMPS" preschooler and is now in 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Immanuel Lutheran and plays "All Star" girl's softball & Travel Ball.

When Judi brought Amanda to us and we discovered how much we needed her on our staff, she was baking cakes professionally (Cakes by Judi), working in a Cardiologist's office, volunteering on the board of Riverside's M.O.M.'s Club (**Moms Offering Moms Support**) as Secretary and Vice President and teaching Vacation Bible School with us. This year begins her 7<sup>th</sup> year with us and believes preschool helps children with being away from their parents, learning to share and to play in groups with other children. She wants her classroom to be a safe, loving and fun environment, where children feel comfortable and relaxed and able to learn. She makes that same comfortable & relaxed connection with families. Judi loves to

cook & makes the best tomato & cucumber salad & lemon cake as well as -I'm certain- holds the "Guinness Book of Records" for "most cupcakes baked in a single night by one person!"

*Birthday*

*A birthday is a special thing  
With cards and gifts and songs to sing;  
A cake with candles all about  
And wishes when you blow them out;  
And one more year of standing tall  
To add a mark upon the wall;  
A day of extra special fun  
To dream about when it is done.*

Margaret Hiller

**Happy October Birthdays**

<u>Happy Owls</u>		<u>Caring Caterpillars</u>	
Ranger	10/9	Boaz	10/14
		Addie	10/28
<u>Sunny Sunflowers</u>		<u>Lucky Ladybugs</u>	
Lennon	10/8	Joey	10/16

Bless the mountains,  
bless the oaks,  
Bless the children  
and their folks,  
Bless the trees  
in autumn time,  
As they shimmer,  
as they shine.

**October's Calendar**

- 1 & 2 Room Parent Meeting 9:15 in CCR
- 5 & 6 "Kids Are First" Fundraiser Begins
- 8 & 9 Volunteer Meeting @ 9:15 a.m. in CCR  
Fire Trucks Visit @ 9:30 a.m.
- 15 Fall Institute/Preschool Closed
- 19 "Kids Are First" Orders Due
- 20 & 21 "Pick A Pumpkin"
- 25 Halloween Hop 5:00-7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- 29 & 30 Halloween Parties & Parades 11:30 a.m. Youth Patio  
No Lunch Bunch on Parade Days
- 31 **Happy Halloween**

### ***If You've Never***

*If you've never seen an old witch  
Riding through the sky-  
Or never felt big bat's wings  
Flopping, as they fly-  
If you've never touched a white thing  
Gliding through the air,  
And knew it was a ghost because  
You got a dreadful scare-  
If you've never heard the night owls,  
Crying, "Whoo-whoo-whoo?"  
And never jumped at pumpkin eyes  
Gleaming out at you-  
If all of these exciting things  
You've never heard nor seen,  
Why then-you've missed a lot of fun  
Because that's - Hallowe'en!*

Elsie M. Fowler

### **All Saints Day**

A day honoring all Christian Saints comes every year on November 1<sup>st</sup>, the day after Halloween. Churches today celebrate All Saint's Day as a reminder of those who have been faithful followers of God. The word Halloween is a shortened form of All Hallow's Eve. Hallow means holy, so Halloween means the night before we honor the Saints, God's holy people.

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

### **Special Thanks to Some Special Folks**

To long ago preschool mom, **Patty Call**, for all the interesting wood shapes for us to glue & paint.

To the families of Happy Owl **Jessica** for the egg cartons, **Eden** for the "wipes", **Madelyn** for the Kleenex and **Travers** for the pretzels!

To the families of Caring Caterpillar **Evan** for the Cheezits, **Ace** for the Kleenex & **Ace's Dad Max** for oiling our squeaky doors & reattaching our camper van steering wheel, **Olive** for the pens & pencils, **Kristin** for the 100% apple juice & whole grain Ritz & Cheezits crackers, **Ande** for the solar blankets and **Lucian** for the whole grain graham crackers!

To the family of Cute Kitten **Jaylee** for the whole wheat tortillas!

To the families of Sunny Sunflower **Logan** for the alcohol & cotton balls for our emergency supplies and **Becket** for the cheese sticks!

To the families of Busy Bee Nixon's aunt for the Hungry Caterpillar sock puppet, **Ivyanne** for the napkins & juice, **Dalia** for the whole grain goldfish crackers and **Troy** for the Kleenex & goldfish crackers!

To the families of Lucky Ladybug Aiden's grandma Mary for the baby hats for "Dorothy's Ministry", **Rowan** for the playhouse & **Rowan's mom Tabitha** for the homemade cinnamon rolls for the teachers and **Reagan** for the Granny Smith apples! Thank you all for joining with us to provide 100% juices & whole grain & whole wheat snacks!

**We don't want to forget anyone so please, if you've donated something and your name didn't appear here, just add it & the item/s to our donation list in the preschool office.**

**April Richard is handling our Scholastic Book Orders again this year.** When you place an order online April's name will come up as your child's teacher - this is correct. Thank you for ordering books from Scholastic as the preschool earns points toward buying books for the classrooms and for our preschoolers. Special thanks goes to April for taking on this task for the entire school!

#### **Babywearing Playdate/Demo Invitation**

- When:** Monday, October 12, 2015, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  
**Where:** FUMPS Childcare Room  
**Who:** Toni Kinsman, lead Administrator with the IE Cloth Diapering & Babywearing group.  
**What:** Toni will present different types of carriers & their unique features, assist you with your personal carriers & have the learning library buckle carrier, ring sling, mei tai, woven wrap and stretchy wrap available also.  
**Why:** Safety first for babywearing! Cost is free! This playdate is for FUMPS families but feel free to bring friends/family.

Join the group on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/clothdiaper/>  
A Cloth Diaper 101 event/playdate will be held another month so stay tuned!