

FUMPS

FIRST UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL

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Happy spring to all of you!

I hope you were able to rest, relax, and enjoy Spring Break! I know everyone here at F.U.M.P.S. had a great time and we are refreshed and ready to go again!

Springtime is a time of growth and renewal. We see it outdoors as trees come to life with buds, flowers, and beautiful bright green leaves. Our hillsides and mountains look to be covered with the softest green velvet, and the birds seem to sing with such exuberance! So much growth and renewal outside can't help but reflect in us and help us to grow inside and renew our spirits.

This month we will be working on lots of special projects and crafts to help make our classrooms look amazing and intriguing. Also, each class will be making up a specially themed basket to auction off in our silent auction. Your participation is greatly appreciated as this is our kick-off to raise money for our scholarship fund. Because of your generosity and the generosity of parents before you, this year we have been able to provide 6 scholarships to children who otherwise would not have been able to attend a year of preschool before they entered Kindergarten. Finally, it will be time to get ready for Easter! We will have our Easter Egg Hunts on April 16th and 17th, and our Easter Parties & Parades on the 18th and 19th. The parades will start promptly at 11:30 a.m. Please remember that there will be no Lunch Bunch on Parade Days.

Please be sure to invite grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, and anyone else you would like, to attend our Open House on May 3rd. It is a wonderful and fun evening and all are welcome. I look forward to seeing you there!

Take good care of each other,

Karen Wilson



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Spring is in the air!

Take a look around our classrooms to see new life springing up. As part of our spring curriculum we have ladybug and butterfly larvae in each classroom so we can watch and learn about the life cycle. The Lucky Ladybugs are hatching baby chicks, and the Cute Kittens are planting seeds in the garden. We all watch in wonder as the radishes, lettuce and onions poke through the dirt and enjoy the harvest of those little green thumbs.



The writing stuff

Long before a child learns to form letters with a pencil or marker, she has taken many steps toward learning to write. Children must have many opportunities to use their hands to do various things before they can successfully print letters. Molding with playdough, using large and small Legos, picking up beads, and playing with knobbed puzzles all prepare fingers and hands for writing. Scribbling with markers and crayons, controlling a pencil for use with a stencil, using chalk on the sidewalk, and painting with fingers and large brushes are a few of the ways children practice for later writing.

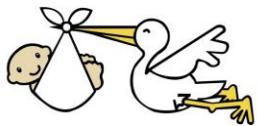
We stock our rooms with plenty of paper, pencils, markers, and crayons and we make sure that these materials are available for children to use whenever they choose. Children may want to "write" notes to their friends or messages to their teacher or parents.

As children experiment, developmental stages of writing become evident. Children move from random scribbling to controlled scribbles, to random alphabet letters, to consonants that represent words. Only with lots of opportunities to practice can children move through these stages. If your child does not have proper pencil grip, can't purposefully manipulate a crayon, or simply shows no interest in learning to write, he or she is probably not ready to do so. Take care not to push. Children enjoy learning a new skill only when they are ready for it. Getting ready is just as important as mastering the skill.



Thank you to **Stella** in the Cute Kittens and her mom Kim for the popcorn, wheat crackers, and pretzels; to **Henry** in the Friendly Fish and his mom Katy for the crackers.

If you have donated something and we didn't get to thank you, please add your name to our donation list. We don't want to leave anyone out. We thank you all!!



Let's welcome a new member of our FUMPS family! **Eli Linden**, little brother of Little Rascal's **Johnny Hachee**. Eli was born March 14th, 7.12 pounds, 20 inches long. Welcome Eli!

Happy April Birthdays to...

Dancing Daisies		
Athena Peters	4/14	
Friendly Fish		
Adam Bates	4/1	
Little Rascals		
London Herman	4/1	
Cute Kittens		
Delilah Duncan	4/11	
Lucky Ladybugs		
Zoe Hahn	4/9	

"Although we should strive to read high-quality literature with children, the focus is not just on the content contained within the pages. What is also important is the conversation adults have with the child (children) about the story and illustrations before, during, and after the reading. This is because authentic learning occurs when it is connected to meaningful experiences that are mediated with a caring adult. Books are a catalyst for sharing memories, values, and beliefs, as well as bridges to prior learning that help to support children's burgeoning understanding of their day-to-day lives" –Jennifer Berke



1	Preschool Resumes
3/4	Open House planning meeting with Room Moms at 9.15 a.m.
3/4	Calf and goat visit
16/17	Easter Egg Hunt
18/19	Easter Parties and Parades - NO LUNCH BUNCH
21	Happy Easter!
23/24	Salad Bar
29 - May 3 rd	Teacher appreciation Week - NO LUNCH BUNCH ALL WEEK



Hats off to our outside teacher and office manager...

Tori Jansen was born and raised just two blocks from FUMPS Preschool and has always had a passion for working with children. She graduated from high school at sixteen in order to pursue this goal by taking classes in Early Childhood Education at Riverside City College. She is excited to be working as a playground supervisor at FUMPS.

Tori believes that children learn through playing and will encourage this learning through the children's time outside of their classroom. She hopes to continue her education by getting her BA in Early Childhood Studies. She is excited to be a part of the FUMPS Family!



Mette Furby was born and raised in Denmark. At the age of 19 she met her soon-to-be husband, Matt, who had come to Denmark from California to serve as a youth pastor at her church. After they married they moved to Sacramento, where they lived for five years. They soon started a family and moved to Riverside due to a job change. Mette stayed home with their three children, Ruben, Edwin, and Lydia, for eight years until she began assisting at a local preschool. Mette became very interested in Early Childhood Education and just finished her four core units at RCC. Interacting with the children as well as their parents is what Mette enjoys the most. She is now part of the F.U.M.P.S. family where she works as the office manager. She is excited to get to know the staff and families here and to serve them as best as she can. Outside of work Mette enjoys soccer, reading, and a good cup of coffee!