

FUMPS

FIRST UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL



February Newsletter

2020

Valentine's Day is a great way to celebrate a preschooler's importance!

Building a sense of faith, trust and security in your preschooler began at birth when they cried and you picked them up, fed them or changed that diaper. They learned early on that they could trust you to meet their needs. Having a special place that's safe and happy, somewhere to put their things and display their artwork gives young children feelings of stability and belonging. It also tells them that they are important. Having people of all ages that care for them and encourage feelings of value and self-worth, playing with other young children, being read stories, learning appropriate behavior and positive ways of working together, celebrating special occasions like birthdays and holidays all encourage appreciation of others and a beginning awareness of the importance of each individual. All faith is built on the ability to trust and trusting comes much easier to a child that feels he or she is important to someone.

FALL REGISTRATION

Registration for 2020/2021 starts now (February 3rd for current 3-day & 5-day students and February 4th for current 2-day students). Our first day of school will be August 17th and we will go through to May 20th, 2021. On Monday, March 2nd, we will open enrollment to our waiting list and to the public, so please turn in your registration form right away.

Just because you have a 3-day space this year does not guarantee your child a 3-day space next year!

The registration application form is included in this newsletter.

REMEMBER: EVERYONE MUST RE-REGISTER!!!

Tuition must be paid in full and up to date to register for next fall.

- Currently enrolled children and their siblings have first priority, as well as First United Methodist Church Families.
- Children must be 2 years 9 months by August 17th and toilet trained – No Pull-ups!
- To be eligible for the Pre K Program children should be 5 by December 31st, 2020. Those with late summer or fall birthdays benefit most from an additional year of developmental and social growth before entering kindergarten. Children turning 5 after December 31st may also be considered for enrollment in Pre K on an individual basis, space permitting and with staff recommendation.



Please welcome baby girl, Briar Joan Coover, sister of Rowan in the Dancing Daisies. Born December 26th, 19th, 7lbs 3oz. Welcome to the FUMPS family!

Hello Dear Families!

It's February & what a fun, fun month we will have here at Preschool! We begin the month with our focus on healthy bodies & good nutrition.

February is National Children's Dental Health Month and Mrs. Amber Bowen, Dental Hygienist, presented a lesson to our preschoolers on tooth care & visiting the Dentist. She explained what Dentists do & what we can do to keep our teeth & gums healthy starting now & continuing throughout our lifetime.

The first week of February (Feb. 3-7) the Elk's Vision Screening will be here to screen each child for Amblyopia (Lazy Eye). The Elk's Club has been coming to FUMPS to play the "Pirate Game" with each child longer than I've been here. If you receive a Referral Letter, please follow through. Amblyopia, if caught by age 5, can be completely corrected.

Next up is Valentine's Day! We have sparkly red hearts, lacy white doilies, & lots of glitter!!! On party days (Feb. 12 & 13) please bring a Valentine card for each child in your class. Sign your child's name on each card and when you get home, sit down, cuddle up & share the delight with your child as they open their Valentine's & experience the absolute joy of giving & receiving so many cards that say "I like you!"

Our 4 year old classes will finish up the month with a field trip to Stater Brothers Grocery Store (Feb. 19 & 20) for a behind the scenes look at how the food that feeds their family is readied for purchase to bring home to their tables.

Just a reminder that our Preschool will be closed for Lincoln's Birthday Friday, February 14th & Washington's Birthday Monday, February 17th.

I will close this month by saying we are so fortunate to have so many involved with our preschool program. From our professional staff who live and breathe what is appropriate for young children; to our room mothers who help out our teachers; to the Board Members who set policy & procedures that keep our program running smoothly and financially sound; and to all of you who donate time and resources to our nutrition program, our curriculum, our fundraising and our transportation needs, this is what makes this preschool a great place for children as well as adults. We are proud that several of our preschooler's parents were once preschoolers here themselves!

Wishing you & your family a month filled with lots of love & lots of laughter,

Karen Wilson



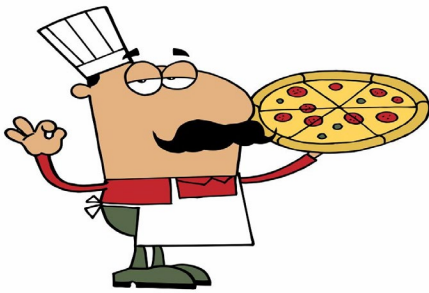


With much appreciation to all of the families that generously shared their bounty of delicious California grown citrus - oranges, lemons, tangerines, limes and grapefruit - with us: the **Dunlap** family, the **Horton** family, the **Diaz** family, and the **Marioenzi** family. The children were able to eat and drink their fill of fresh squeezed fruit and juice, and we even had some left to paint with! We are truly blessed to work with families who ask us "Do you have enough?" "Do you need more?"

Thank you to **Tara** Hundley, mom to **Cameron** in the Cute Kittens, who will be helping us during our Elk's Vision Screening week.

Thank you to **Jazzilyn** in the Dancing Daisies and her mom and dad for the plastic lids.

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

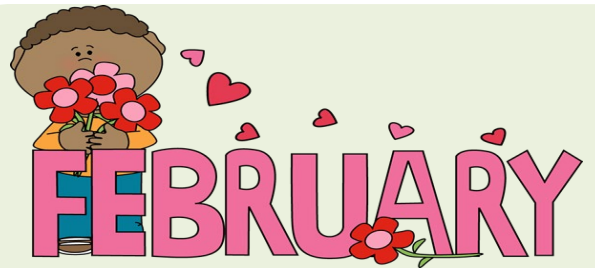


Tired of Fixing Lunches?

How about pizza for Lunch Bunch? Starting Thursday, March 5th for our TTH students and Friday, March 6th for our MWF students, we will be offering "Pizza for Lunch Bunch" every Thursday and Friday until Lunch Bunch ends in May. For an additional \$2.00 (making the charges \$8.00 for Pizza Lunch Bunch and \$13.00 for Late Pizza Lunch Bunch), your child can buy 2 slices of Capone's pizza (cheese or pepperoni), a glass of milk and a piece of fruit. Please write "YES" in the pizza column on the sign in sheet in the morning when you sign your child in. All lunch bunch and pizza fees will be charged to your account and can be paid with the following month's tuition payment. Regular Lunch Bunch continues Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays and children who do not want pizza can bring their own packed lunches. Enjoy!



Please make sure that you drive slowly and carefully in the FUMPS parking lot. We have children and families walking outside at all hours of the day and we want to keep everyone safe. Thank you!



- 3 & 4 Registration for returning students begins
- 3-7 Vision Screening
- 12 & 13 Valentine's Day Parties
- 14 Happy Valentine's Day!
- 14 **Preschool Closed for Lincoln's Birthday**
- 17 **Preschool Closed for Washington's Birthday**
- 19 & 20 Field trip to Stater Bros. for 4 year olds



Happy February Birthdays to...

Friendly Fish

Henry Woodard	2/4
Aidan Hinojosa	2/6
Elijah Cade	2/17
Olivia Venegas	2/17

Cute Kittens

George Shannon	2/15
Tatum Forbes	2/17
Paisley Henry	2/23

Rockin' Robins

Josephine Bratton	2/10
Lola Palodichuk	2/24

Mrs. Theodorou (Dancing Daisies)	2/11
Mrs. Jack (Friendly Fish)	2/17
Mrs. Skiver (Little Rascals)	2/23



Hats Off to our Lucky Ladybug Teacher...

Mrs. Lisa Sherman is our Lucky Ladybug Pre-K teacher. We first met Lisa when her children were preschoolers at FUMPS. Her son, Tyler, graduated from William & Mary Law School in May of 2018 and passed the Virginia bar exam in October of 2018. He recently moved from Virginia to Nevada where he is working for the Nevada State Legislator as a Deputy Legislative Counsel. Lisa's daughter, Morgan, is in the last six months of nursing school at West Coast College and will graduate in June. The youngest of three children, Lisa, her brother Michael, and her sister Kathy were born and raised in Eugene, Oregon. She met her husband Steve (they've been married for 35 years) while vacationing in Europe. Starting her teaching career with FUMPS as our nutrition teacher 20 years ago, Lisa moved to assistant teacher in the Pooh Bears, then to a 4 year old classroom and then started her Lucky Ladybug Pre K class. She teaches our lesson on Hanukkah & the Festival of Lights. Believing preschool should provide a positive learning environment, improve a child's socialization skills and sense of independence, Lisa's enjoyment of children, her creative nature & easy going spirit are most apparent in her relationship with her own family and make her a pleasure to work with.