

FUMPS

FIRST UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL



February Newsletter

2024

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 2024/2025 starts now (February 1st and February 2nd Our first day of school will be Tuesday August 13th and we will go through to May 15th, 2025. On Monday, March 1st, we will open enrollment to our waiting list and to the public, so please turn in your registration form right away, and please let your friends and neighbors know about the March 1st date.

The registration application form is included in this newsletter. Registration will take place in Club Ark (Room # 1).

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 13th and toilet trained – No Pull-ups!
- Children with late summer or fall birthdays (between September & December) benefit most from an additional year of developmental and social growth before entering kindergarten.

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 our Teachers will be explaining to our students what Dentists do & what we can do to keep our teeth & gums healthy starting now & continuing throughout our lifetime.

We have the Elk's Vision Screening 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.

Next up is Valentine's Day! We have sparkly red hearts, lacy white doilies, & lots of glitter!!! On party days (Feb. 13 & 14) 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!"

Just a reminder that our Preschool will be closed for Lincoln's Birthday Friday, February 16th & Washington's Birthday Monday, February 19th.

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 the Board Members who set policy & procedures that keep our program running smoothly and financially sound; and to all of you who donate your resources to our nutrition program, our curriculum, and our fundraising projects, this is what makes this preschool a great place for children as well as adults. We are proud that several of our preschoolers' parents were once preschoolers here themselves!

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

Karen Wilson





Thank you to **Camila's parents (BB)** for Apples, Applesauce and Gogurts; **Baraka's parents (BB)** for applesauce pouches, Go Go squeezes & fruit pouches; **Prince's parents (LL)** for Cheerios and applesauce ; **Jack's parents (BB)** for Snowman beads; **Skylar's mom (BB)** for 2 boxes of Ritz Crackers

Thank you to ALL our families that donated Oranges to us in January! You helped make our lessons on Riverside Heritage a great success!

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!



Happy February Birthdays to...

Happy Hummingbirds

Naomi Xi	2/5
Camille Richardson	2/9

Brave Bears

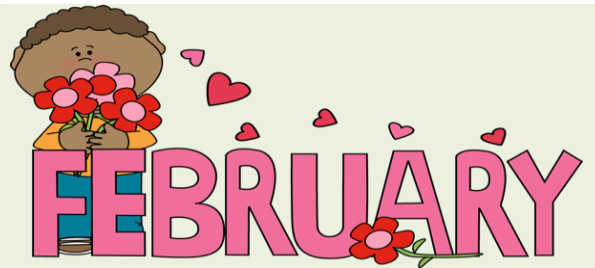
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Please make sure that you drive slowly, carefully, and hold your child's hand in the FUMPS parking lot. We have children and families walking outside at all hours of the day and we want to keep everyone safe. Thank you!



- 1 & 2 Registration for returning students & siblings begin
- 5-9 Elks Vision Screening
- 12 See's Fundraiser begins
- 13 & 14 Valentine's Day Parties
- 14 Happy Valentine's Day!
- 16 **Preschool Closed for Lincoln's Birthday**
- 19 **Preschool Closed for Washington's Birthday**
- 26 See's Fundraiser ends
- 27/28 Dental Visit
- 29 Lunch Bunch pizza begins

A big welcome...

Please join us in welcoming Giselle Maples as our new Brave Bears Assistant teacher! We are thrilled to have her a part of the team!

Giselle Maples lived in Jalisco, Mexico her first 9 year of life, after which she moved to the States. She's the third child of four. She lived in Corona until she married her husband in 2013. After getting married she relocated to Riverside. She has 4 beautiful boys, Ian, Leonardo, Michael and Luca. She also has a super sweet German Shepard.

Giselle worked as a babysitter right out of high school for 4 years. Later she worked in Mortgage for 8 years before starting her own family. She has always enjoyed working with children and volunteers 3 days a week in her children's classes.

All four of Giselle's boys attended FUMPS. After seeing the impact FUMPS had on her children's development, she was inspired to pursue a career in child education. She is currently completing her education at RCC in early childhood development. She was given the opportunity to work in the Brave Bears classroom as the assistant teacher.



Congratulations to two of our FUMPS families!

Our Lucky Lion, Dale, is a big brother to baby Weston Reid Wilczynski. Weston was born at 9:06pm on 1/9. Weighing 9lbs and 22 ¼ inches long, Mom and baby are doing great!

Our Happy Hummingbird, Lucas, is a big brother to Benjamin Clark Phillips. Benjamin was born on 1/18, weighing 8lbs 4oz and 20 ½ inches long. Mom and baby are doing wonderful!