



United Methodist
Preschool
Newsletter May 2018

Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers who helped throughout this school year. We appreciate you! A high quality program recognizes and respects the importance of the home/school connection. We are blessed to have families with us who share our belief that a nurturing play based environment is optimal. The amazing growth that we have seen in the children is testimony to this. The energy and enthusiasm of the children fuels the classrooms and inspires the teachers to dig deeper and provide challenges as the children are ready for more. And yes there is more to come even in the final weeks of May! For those of you who are moving on to elementary school, our hearts go with you! For those of you who will be returning in the fall...we can't wait!

UM PRESCHOOL PARENT GROUP

We are looking to form a Parent Association beginning this coming fall. If you are interested, your help is needed on the planning committee for this initiative. Please email me at mnskids34@aol.com and I will be in touch.

The results of our PARENT SURVEY'S were overwhelmingly positive. This was

identified as area of growth that we want to explore.

NEXT WEEK WILL BEGIN OUR WEEK LONG CELEBRATION OF THE SCHOOL YEAR STARTING WITH...

ART SHOW May 7 - 11

The children's art will be displayed in the lobby, transforming it into an art gallery for all to see. Creative expression is in each one of us and is to be nurtured. It is wonderful to see the pride that the children take in their creative work!

MOTHER'S DAY PLANS



The 2's classes are busy making something special to bring home to mom!

3's Classes will combine on Friday May 11 for a special program with MOTHER GOOSE. Mothers, grandmothers and special caretakers are invited to join the children at 10:00 to participate in this enrichment program, followed by light refreshments.

The 5Day Pre-K and the 4Day4's will be inviting mom's in for a Mother's Day Tea.

The 4Day4's will be 11:30 on May 10
The 5DayPre-K will be 11:30 on May 11

PANCAKE AND PAJAMA DAYS

May 14 - MWF 2's

May 15 - 5DayPreK, 4Day4's, T/Th 2's

May 21 and 22 - 3's classes



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Wed, May 16 join your preschool friends for ice cream and playground fun at 2:15. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caretaker.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

Our 5Day Pre-K and 4Day4's celebration will be held on Thursday, May 24 in Fellowship Hall beginning at 11:30.

END OF YEAR CONFERENCES

Please speak with your child's teacher or call the office if you would like to schedule an end of year conference with your child's teacher.

EARLY DROP OFF

Starting this coming fall we would like to offer early morning drop off. This would be similar to Lunch Bunch where you would sign up ahead of time and there would be a small fee for this service. Please let me know if you may be interested in this. Early Drop off would begin at 8:30.

PARENT SOCIAL The Parent Social at the home of Scott and Abigail Skidmore was lovely. Friendship and food was plentiful! Hats off to the Parent Social committee for organizing the Silent Auction as well the night! We are

thinking ahead to see if anyone wants to offer to host next year's event.

GIVING TREE GRATITUDE!

Thanks to all who contributed to our annual fundraiser! This helps us to keep the rooms refreshed and full of essential pre-school tools! J.J. Russo, Sarah Culbertson, and Eva Brewer did a wonderful job putting this all together.

Reminder the last day of school is May 23 for children who attend MWF and May 24 for all others. There is no Lunch Bunch on Thursday, 5/24.

*A few words of wisdom about play...
"Play does seem to open up another part of the mind that is always there, but that, since childhood, may have become closed off and hard to reach. When we treat children's play as seriously as it deserves, we are helping them feel the joy that's to be found in the creative spirit. We're helping ourselves stay in touch with that spirit, too. It's the things we play with and the people who help us play that make a great difference in our lives." Fred Rogers*



Have a wonderful spring into summer and take the time to play!

Carol Hammond, Preschool Director