

**MARCH DATES
TO REMEMBER**

15—19—Spring Break

22—Student Holiday

The Weekday News

MARCH 2010



President's Day Parade!



A note from Pam



Some of my fondest memories involve mistakes I made.

Do you allow yourself the

luxury of modeling for your children how to handle mistakes? The children are watching what you do—good, bad and indifferent. When you fail to get something done or do something that just didn't turn out right, do you talk about it with your child? One of the best ways we share important information is to

talk about it out loud. Let your child hear your thought process. "I should have started out earlier for our appointment. I always think I have more time than I do. I think I'm going to try to go places 15 minutes earlier than I need to go." When you share your opportunities to grow, you teach your child that it is OK to make mistakes. You model how to correct the problem and you admit you aren't perfect. Don't worry, they'll be glad to tell you about your imper-

fections in a few years as teens! But for now, your child wants to be just like you.

Pam



Ms. Holly's 4s class after the teddy bear hunt.

WDS LOVES TO GIVE AND RECEIVE

A huge thanks to all of you who brought change to make a change for HAITI. The Weekday School raised \$954.93. Our donation was put in the hands of a team of doctors and nurses from all around the U.S that were taking medical supplies directly to the Haitian people. The team was able to buy rice, spaghetti, oil, and corn meal for 4 local Haiti orphanages with the money that was collected at the WDS. Our support was a true blessing and has made a world of difference.



4 Generations!

Caroline Bollata celebrated her 2nd birthday surrounded by her mom, 2 grandmothers and 2 great grandmothers. Happy birthday Caroline.



Carnival News

"Welcome to the Jungle - where we have fun and games" is the theme for our carnival! Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 24th from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. We will be in touch soon regarding how you can help at the carnival, but in the meantime, get excited because it is going to be one "wild" time! Texadelphia will be providing the food this year so that's reason enough to come out and get a yummy chicken cheese steak! There is lots of fun to be had by all so don't miss it!



Countdown to the Auction!

Our 2010 Auction will be during the Carnival on April 24th! We are asking each school family to consider making a donation. This could be in the form of a gift that could be bid on, time, or a monetary gift. Donations are 100% tax deductible and for a great cause.

The funds are used to purchase necessary items for the school which enriches the lives of students, teachers and parents. For example last year's auction revenue was used to purchase changing tables, new mulch for the playground, supplies for the classrooms and for special events like Dad's night.

Donation forms may be found in the office or online at www.upumc.org

I am blessed to be involved in the auction process again and am hopeful that this year will be our best fundraiser to date.

Thank You, Natalie Cole—Auction Chair

NAEYC

We are working hard on gathering the information required by NAEYC in order to be accredited by them next fall. One of the requirements is that we survey the parents. If you have not yet had a chance to fill in your online survey, it is not too late. You may log on to www.surveymonkey.com/s/UPUMCSurvey to complete the survey. We would like to have the results of the survey by March 5th. To learn more about NAEYC you may check their website at www.rightchoiceforkids.org

Thank You

A huge thank you to Pennie Marshall and April Young for volunteering to staff our Childcare desk near the Toddler end of the hall. They have been coming every Monday to relieve the office staff from that duty. We appreciate it so much!! If anyone else would like to volunteer, please contact Holly Hodges in the office!!



Open House was a huge success with lots of WDS "grads" coming to support their siblings.



Parents Association is looking for



Would you like to be more involved in your child's school and make wonderful friends in the process? The UPUMC Parent's Association is looking for volunteers for the 2010-2011 board. The following positions are still available:

Vice President, Spring Olympics Chair, Carnival Chair, Assistant Carnival Chair, Sunshine Chair, Special Parent Events Coordinator, Special Teacher Events Coordinator, Auction Chair, Assistant Auction Chair.

Thank you to the following people whom have volunteered to be on the board for next year- Tonya Carroll (Treasurer), Jennifer Greenlee (Fundraising Chair), and Kelly Yount (Room Mother Coordinator). We hope you will share your special talents with us to make our school the best it can be! Please contact Gina Collins (President Elect) at mrsqinacollins@hotmail.com, or any member of the board, if you would like more information. Thank you in advance for your support of our school.

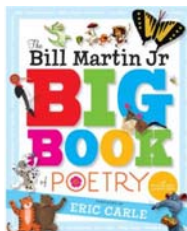
Read Read Read

These great books were recommended to you by Emily West, one of our 2 1/2 year old teachers.



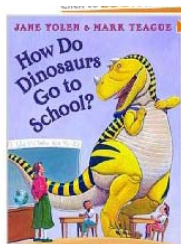
Listen to the Wind
Greg Mortenson and Susan Roth

It's never too soon to begin fostering social consciousness in children. His story of building schools for kids is a beautiful book of paper collage illustrations.



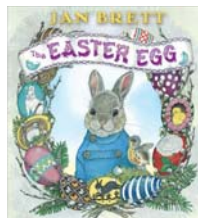
Big Book of Poetry by Bill Martin, Jr.

Don't forget poetry. Poetry is perfect to read together and reinforces rhyming words which are fun to memorize. This anthology includes fun favorites for children with illustrations from a variety of children's book artists such as Lois Ehlert and Steven Kellog.



How Do Dinosaurs Go to School
by Jane Tolen & Mark Teague

One of a series of "How Do Dinosaurs...". This book is full of wonderful humor for older preschool and kindergarten children complete with dinosaurs everywhere.



The Easter Egg by Jan Brett

Brett's gorgeous new Easter book with her trademark detailed paintings of animals and an Easter bunny story.



Chinese New Year celebration



Mrs. LeCates class enjoying the snow



Children's Ministry Corner

March Theme for Children's Chapel

B.I.G. Theme: A Love to Remember

B.I.G. Idea: We believe that Jesus wants us to remember how much he loves us.

B.I.G. Bible Verse: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son. (John 3:16)

Parenting in Today's World

Please join us for **Andy Stoker** and his series, "Parenting in Today's World" March 3rd from 5:00-7:30pm in the youth center.

March 3 - Raising Girls in a Culture of Indulgence"

Dinner is served in the youth center at 5:00pm

Bible Study for the children begins at 6:00pm



On the Road Family Camp July 16th-18th

Buckle up for a sightseeing road trip along "Route 254" where serious fun can be found at every stop. As your family travels to Lake Texoma for a weekend camp kids will learn that by choos-ing God as their guide, they'll arrive at the ultimate destination-a relationship with Jesus! Book your family for the road trip today. This is for the entire family, all ages (Grandparents are welcome too!)