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The purpose of UPUMC Weekday School is to build a strong, Christian foundation of love and learning in every child through nurturing and challenging them appropriately in all developmental areas.



NAEYC Accreditation Achieved!

The National Association for the Education of Young Children has given their approval to the Weekday School. The faculty and staff have worked for over four years to make this dream a reality. We are the only NAEYC accredited school within the Park Cities. What does it mean to be accredited? We have looked at every aspect of our program to make sure we are providing the very best we can for the children.

Grandparents' Day was a great success. We had over 200 grandparents attend. They went to chapel with us and then came to our rooms to play. Thank you for sharing your parents with us.

We are so grateful to those who have given to our Annual Giving



We will use the money to create a new playground, update the current playgrounds and add additional books to the school library. Your gifts make a difference in the lives of each child at this school. As you plan your end of year gifts, we hope you will add us to your list.

December 2011

Dates to remember:

December 7 - 1:30

Kindergarten Round Up - Come to room 163 if you are interested in finding out more about our



Parents Association News

HOLIDAY SHARING PROJECT

This is our 10th year to join with Educational First Steps for our Holiday Sharing Project! EFS works to improve the quality and availability of early education for economically disadvantaged Dallas area children. EFS currently serves over 3,800 children in over 60 childcare centers in Dallas County. They are truly a great organization serving a very important need in Dallas!

UPUMC Weekday School is helping to provide basic materials & learning tools for the childcare centers that EFS supports. Each class is assigned specific items to donate. When your child brings the unwrapped item to school, he can place it under the Giving Tree we have set up by the library.

We realize this is a hectic time of year, but what a wonderful way to get your little one involved in the giving spirit of the season! You can explain the project to your child and have them help you pick out the items you are giving!

We will be collecting items starting Tuesday, November 29- Tuesday, December 13! We will make the delivery the morning of December 14!

Infant Classes- infant formula
 Toddler 1 classes- diapers & wipes
 Toddler 2 Leija/Muller- books
 Toddler 2 White/Crews- baby dolls & puppets
 2 1/2 MWF & T/Th - books
 3s T/Th- baby dolls & puppets
 3s MWF- puzzles & games

kindergarten program.

December 16 - 11:00

Family Christmas Chapel for 3s, 4s and Kindergarten in the Sanctuary

December 16 - 11:30

Cookie Reception in Fellowship hall after Family Christmas Chapel

December 19 - 30

Christmas Holiday

January 2, 2012

Student Holiday (teacher in-service)

January 3, 2012

School begins

2012-2013

Registration Information

The dates for registration are as follows:

January 13 - All new student applications due in the office

January 17- All church members register

January 18-20 - All other current students register.

The night before registration begins, you will receive instructions from the registrar with your child's id#. You will need the id# in order to register. The website for registration is www.upumcwds.org

If you have a child that is not a current student at the WDS but would like to have him or her attend next year, you will need to fill out an application. Applications may be found on the website or in the office.

4s MWF - outdoor equipment, dress up
 4s M-F - pretend food & dishes, dress up
 Kindergarten - outdoor equipment & dress up



Parents Corner

The 10 Biggest Choking Hazards

According to a recent study, the foods that pose the highest choking hazards for young children are hot dogs, peanuts, carrots, boned chicken, candy, meat, popcorn, fish with bones, marshmallows, sunflower seeds and apples. According to the website, some foods should simply not be given to children under 4 or 5: mentioned were raw carrots, marshmallows, peanuts, popcorn, hard candies and gum. If feeding a young child a hot dog, cut it lengthwise before slicing it. Cut grapes into quarters. Flat lollipops are safer than ball shaped suckers. For more information, go to www.babycenter.com.

Move, Do and Understand

Most children learn best when they're moving around and exploring with their hands and bodies. You can encourage "active" learning with some of these ideas:

- * Let your child play with a ball while he recites numbers or other things he has learned in math. He might count with each bounce or say a day of the week or month of the year with each toss of the ball.
- * Encourage him to act out vocabulary. If he's learning position words, ask him to sit under a table, jump over his teddy bear, or walk around a chair. Then try linking two or three actions together. Crawl under the table, then walk around the chair, then



'Tis the Season

Register your child(ren) for Christmas Camp at UPUMC

Bring your child(ren) ages 3 to 5th grade to the UPUMC Youth Center on December 19 and 20 for hours of crafts and games, led by the Youth & Children's Ministries. Activities include decorating gingerbread houses and cookies, making ornaments and Christmas cards, reading stories and many other fun things all while raising money for SoupMobile. Cost is \$25 per child per day. Sign up at <http://www.upumc.org/give>

Chapel Corner

We had a great week in Bethlehem. We had chapel in "Bethlehem" at the stable and then all of the classes took a tour through the marketplace of Bethlehem to learn about what it might have been like in the day when Jesus was born. Advent is a time when we prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of the Christ child. I hope your family can prepare your hearts together as you continue the conversations that we have in chapel by using the trifold table tents in your children's chapel packet. They are designed to set in the middle of your family dinner table to start conversation and prayer together. Blessings to you all this Christmas.

jump over your teddy bear.

* Make science happen. Explain that he can create shadows by blocking light with his hand. Together, form animal shaped shadow puppets on a wall.

-Rev. Rachel

Upcoming Chapel Schedule for 3s, 4s, and Kindergarten

Week of November 28

A Ruler from Bethlehem Micah 5:2-5

Week of December 5

Angels Visit Luke 1:26-38

Week of December 12

Jesus Is Born Luke 2:1-20

Christmas Family Chapel

on December 16th

Simeon and Anna Luke 2:22-40

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