

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.

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What do you do to get ready for parent conferences?

Teachers of 3s, 4s, and K are getting ready for November conferences with each parent. They have collected samples of work, taken notes on each individual child, completed the skills checklist and are ready to share what they know about your child. What can you do to get ready? Do you have a list of questions you want to ask? Sometimes it's a good idea to take a moment and jot down questions or concerns you might have. Our staff wants to love and teach your child while supporting you in your role as parent.

The teachers are always eager to talk with you about your child. If you ever want to have a conference, just ask. We would love to visit.

Annual Giving 2011-12

The money raised this year will be applied to a new infant/toddler playground, updating the two current playgrounds, and adding books to our library. Your tax deductible gift will directly fund these projects. You are welcome to stop by the school office to pick up a giving form if you have misplaced the one that was mailed to you. We are so blessed to have such wonderful families to help us carry on our tradition of learning and loving in Christ. Thank you for giving above and beyond the tuition to fund these projects for the children.

NAEYC Accreditation Visit Complete

Evaluators from the National Association for the Education of Young Children came for a 3 day visit. They observed in our classrooms, looked over our curriculum, and reviewed all of our accreditation documents. The committee told us they were extremely pleased with how organized and prepared we were. We will know the results of the visit by the end of January. The teachers did a wonderful job and we look forward to good news!

Important November Dates

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North Parking Lot
closed for the day

7 - 18

Casseroles and Candles
fundraising sales

8 & 9

Vision screening for 4s
and kindergarten

14 - 18

Teacher conferences for
3s, 4s, & K

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Grandparents day for
3 day 3s, 3 day 4s & K

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Grandparents day for 2 day 3s
and 5 day 4s

Grandparents' Day

Grandparents Day is coming up fast! An invitation will be emailed to each of the classes that are participating so that you can forward the invitation to the Grandparents.



On November 21, grandparents in 3 day 3s, 3 day 4s and Kindergarten will attend. On November 22, the 2 day 3s and 5 day 4s will celebrate Grandparents' Day. The event is from 10:30 - 12:00 on both days.

Parents Association News

Our fundraisers this year will feature Niven Morgan candles and Holy Ravioli casseroles from Monday, November 7 through Friday, November 18. There will be prizes for the top 2 selling students and the top 3 selling classes will win a pizza party. Look for more information in your child's school bag!!



The candles will *Holy Ravioli* be available for \$22 & \$24 and make a great holiday gift! Samples will be available in the office for you to smell.

Save your strength in December by stocking up on Holy Ravioli casseroles.

VISION SCREENING

It's vision screening time again! In accordance with Texas state law, UPUMC will be conducting vision screening for all 4-year old and Kindergarten classes. The tests will take place on November 8 and 9.

Parent volunteers will be helping the vision screening staff to ensure the tests go smoothly. If you have a child NOT in the 4s or K classes who you'd like to have tested, or have any questions/concerns please contact Christine Frary at

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Early release (12:00)

23 - 25

Thanksgiving holiday

2012-2013

Registration Information

Applications for new students are now available. You may print a copy of the application from our website or stop by the office to pick up a copy. If you have a child that is not currently enrolled at UPUMC and would like them to be a student next year, you will need to fill out an application and have it returned to the office no later than January 13.

Our current students will register for the 2012-2013 school year during the week of January 17. Information on enrollment for current students will be sent home later this fall.



Children's Library

is open for business!

The library is open for parents and their children to check out books. There are directions on how to check out a book on the circulation desk or you may stop by the office and have us show you. The hours to visit the library are:

Monday 9:00 - 12:30

Tuesday 9:00 - 2:30

Virginia Myers



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PARENTS CORNER

Waiting patiently is a big part of our everyday lives but is sometimes hard for children to do. The next time you hear, "How much longer?" try one of these ideas to occupy your children:

- * Play word games. Start with a simple word like "up" and take turns thinking of the opposite..."down" etc.
- * Take the change out of your wallet and let the children sort it. For younger children, have them sort it biggest to smallest. For older children talk about the names of the coins. Talk about how the coins are alike and how they are different.
- * Work on counting forward and backwards. For an extra challenge, have your child try counting from a number other than 1.
- * Try an alphabet search. Look around the room and find the letter "A" on a sign or poster. Look around and find all of the "As" in the room.

We give thanks to God today for the life of Virginia Myers. She was a former teacher here at the Weekday School. Her funeral will be at UPUMC on Saturday, November 5 at 10:00.

Chapel Update

The November topics for chapel are:

November 7 - Solomon builds a temple

November 14 - Naaman is healed

November 21 - God made Grandparents

November 28 - Daniel and the lions den

If you'd like to buy a Spark Story Bible like the one we use in chapel, they are available for \$15 in the church office.

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