



Monthly Newsletter

News from Pam



For over a year we have been watching the progress of our new building here at UPUMC. With noses pressed against glass, the children have peeked into the building through the new viewing window. Our lovely building will have five new classrooms and a large open space for chapel and will be used by the school and the church. We will move the infant, toddler 1 and toddler 2 classes to the new spaces sometime in January or February.

The construction company is shutting down our facilities October 10-12 so that they can move the electrical components to their new location in the new building. **The school is closed October 10 for Columbus Day. We will now be closed October 11-12 as well.** I am sorry for the interruption but also

Important October Dates

October 6

6:00-7:00 - Dad's night for 3s, 4s, and Kindergarten

October 10

Columbus Day Holiday - no school

October 11-12

School closed for construction

October 17-28

Class Photos (scheduled posted for each class)

October 30

12:00 - Baby Blessing Brunch at UPUMC



PARENT'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

First of all, the 4 year old and kindergarten teachers want to thank the Parent's Association for the new computers! They bought us 11 new child designed laptop computers to use in the classrooms. We will be able to:

- wirelessly connect to the internet with our teachers

glad that building construction is progressing toward completion. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

LOOKING AHEAD AND MAKING PLANS

Kate Ward will be taking class photos the weeks of October 17 and October 29. Look for details by your child's classroom.

Grandparent's Day for children in 3s, 4s and Kindergarten will be November 21 and 22. Send those invitation to the out of town Grandparent's today! More information about this event in next month's newsletter.

TIPS FROM THE GYM



Parents remember your children need to wear **TENNIS SHOES EVERY DAY** to school. MaryJanes with a rubber sole are acceptable too...they will be

running, jumping and climbing outside as well as in the gym.

October Skill of the Month

Catching and throwing all sizes of balls with your arms for 3s and with your hands for 4s and Kindergarten. We are using beach balls to start!

Creative Movement - Moving to music can build coordination and imagination. Try these ideas.

* Blow up two or more balloons. Put on upbeat music and try to keep the balloons in the air. Each time the music stops, catch the balloons and hold them still.

* Tape multi colored crepe paper streamers to a ruler. Your child can hold the ruler and dance while singing. Show your child how to wave it quickly back and forth, make large circles

(see bears during hibernation)

- skype with other classes in other schools (learn about other schools in countries far away)
- use the stylus pen on the touch screen (create opportunities to use print via the computer screen)
- rotate the display panel (sit in large or small group time and all look at the computer as we learn about areas we study)
- play games that practice skills (by ourselves and with a friend)

DAD'S NIGHT for 3s, 4s and K

It's time to round up the Dads for a night at the school. Dads and their 3s, 4s or Kindergarten children are invited to come dressed in their best Western Attire to the fellowship hall on October 6th from 6pm 7pm. The PA will provide dinner and there will be activities with the teachers. Don't forget your wallets as there will be a raffle for autographed footballs, sports tickets and other things dads love! Hope to see you then!!

FALL FUNDRAISER

The Fall Fundraiser will kick off at the end of the month. A packet will be sent home with each child containing the order forms and all the information you need. The three classes with the most students participating will receive a special class party and the three top individual sellers will receive a prize.

Be sure to look for further information from your room mom and the fundraising packet! All the money raised directly benefits the school so we hope to have 100% of the children participating.

with the streamers in the air, or slowly drag the streamers across the floor

* Play soft music, and pretend to be autumn leaves. Ask your child to imagine what it feels like to float gently through the air to the ground. Stretch out your arms and wave them as you twirl and sink to your knees.

Kids Bits

Flashlight reading - In a dark room or outside after sunset, snuggle up and read stories by flashlight. Let your child shine the light on the words as you read.

Leaving toys at home - If your child frequently asks to take toys to school, have him decorate a cardboard "waiting" box. The special toys can be put inside and they will be ready for to played with when you return home.

My phone number - Your child may find it easier to memorize your phone number if it is sung to a familiar tune like the alphabet song. Then the child can practice dialing while singing.

NEWS FROM UPUMC

CHAPEL NEWS

Have you been talking with your children about our Bible stories but want to know more? You can buy a Spark Story Bible like the one we use in chapel to use at home. They are available for \$15 in the school office. Contact Rev. Rachel for more information.

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The Blessing of Babies

On Sunday, October 30, UPUMC wants to celebrate the births of all babies who have been born since October 2010. There will be a blessing of the babies and brunch. Please let Rev. Rachel know if you'd like to attend. Her email is rbaughman@upumc.org.

The purpose of the Weekday School of University Park United Methodist Church 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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