




Kid's Scoop



Stay Active!!

When a child is learning to crawl, brain connections are being made, so is true in the every day activities of the preschool child. Throwing a ball, pushing a block, pulling a toy, stacking blocks are important in making connections in the brain. Physical movements that are practiced today will make better learners and readers tomorrow. While it might seem that some of our instruction is just play, the benefits of these activities will not be seen for years. More and more learning disabilities are being found in our school age chil-

dren. One of the reasons is because our children are exposed to and are choosing TV and computer games instead of running, climbing, kicking, swinging, and jumping. Our children need to be moving! One of the best things you can do for your child to be a good learner besides reading to them every day, is to encourage physical 'motor work.'

When our students attend Movement with Ms. Leigh, they have a blast! What they don't realize is that, major brain lapses are being formed in their brains while they play, romp, and stomp! Using our senses to experience the world

around us is part of the work of a child. Expose and encourage your child to feel different surfaces and textures. Give them confidence to smell and taste new things. Allow them to hear different kinds of music. Ms. Jan opens their ears to this in music! Each time a new experience unfolds, brain connections are formed. It is our job, as partners in your child's growth, to insure that each child encounters new and stimulating events so that when he/she is ready to put pen to paper, he will be empowered with the tools and brainpower to do so. Help your children and keep them moving!!!

November

- 1 Pictures orders are due
- 2 Book orders due
- 2-3 Wear School Shirts
- 2-4 Pedal Power Days
- 3 original artwork magnets go home
- 8-9 Wear Brown Days
- 8-9 Menchies Spirit Day 12-5pm
- 10 Preschool staff Meeting
- 11 Original Artwork orders due
- 14-16 Thanksgiving Feasts
- 17-18 Western Days
- 21-25 Thanksgiving Holiday-no school
- 29-30 Severe Weather Drill
- 30 Wear School Shirt Day
- 30 Shop Day

December

- 1 Wear School Shirt Day
- 1 Shop Day
- 1-2 HMUMC Women's Christmas Tea
- 6-7 Wear Yellow Day
- 8 Two year-old program 11:30am
- 13-14 Christmas Programs 11:30 am
- 16 Last day of preschool before Christmas break

January

- 3 School resumes

Announcements

Pedal Power Day

On November 2-4 we will have pedal power day for the three, four and five year olds. The two year olds will have theirs in March.

Pedal Power is an exciting day when each child brings a bike to preschool. No electric or battery operated toys are allowed. Please send a bike not a scooter if possible. This is a terrific way for your child to practice their 'gross' or large motor skills. Please make sure each child brings a helmet. All helmets and bikes should be labeled with the child's name. There will be a drop off area at the bottom parking lot. Please take your child through carpool and then come down and drop off your bikes. We will have someone down there to help you place your bike and helmet in the correct spot. Happy Riding!!!

Shop Days are an opportunity for parents of 3, 4 and 5 year olds to get a little extra shopping, baking or resting done before you pick up your preschooler. (This day is too long for 2 year olds.) On November 30 and December 1, your child can stay until 2 pm. We'll watch movies, play, and enjoy a light snack. The cost is \$5 per child per day. Reservations are required! A sign up sheet will be sent home soon! We are taking reservations early due to the week off right before shop days.

Teacher Day Off

Here is an opportunity to give back to your child's teacher and see what a day in the classroom is really like! Find the "We

Love our Teachers!' sheet, fill it out and send it in! We'll confirm the date with you. Thank you for giving a day off to our fabulous teachers!

Volunteers

Thanks to Melodie Wong and Diane Spengler for coming in, sorting and passing out our first book orders of the year.

Thank you to Jennie Jackson, Allyson Jones and Mary Catherine Shaw for coordinating our first hospitality treat for the teachers in October, they really enjoyed it! Trina Medlock, Trisha Perdue and Shavon Ferguson watched staff kids for the month of October while we had an in-service, thanks so much especially for staying a little later as it went longer than expected. We appreciate you giving your time so generously! Thanks also to all the parents that came in for Halloween parties and other class activities this month!!

Thanksgiving Feast

Thanksgiving Feast reservation forms went home last week. What a great opportunity to enjoy a special meal with your child and his/her classmates. Please return your form by November 7th.

Please join us at our Christmas

programs as we celebrate Christ's birth!

On Tuesday, December 13 at 11:30 am Andrea, Caroline, Lynnette, Ann, Bonnie, Tonya and Lisa's classes will sing. On Wednesday, December 14 at 11:30 am Suzy, Liz, Michelle, Fanli, Susan and Cathy's classes will sing. Ms Jan, our Music teacher, is planning a wonderful program. The Two year olds will sing on Thursday, December 8 at 11:30 am

Carpool

Carpool finishes earlier than normal if

there are extra activities such as field trips and parties. Please watch the school-wide calendar and note when other ages go on field trips, etc. Signs will also be put out on those mornings to remind you that carpool will go quicker those days. Fridays will always be a quicker carpool.

Shoebboxes

Each year we give our families the opportunity to help other children across the world. This outreach activity can be done with young children. If you choose to participate, shoebboxes are due on November 20 Thanks! More information will be sent home soon.

Mission Projects

Thank you so much for all of your participation with mission projects this year. We helped McClain Hermes collect over 3,000 shoes for 'Shoes for the Soul.' She doubled what she collected last year. Also we are sending two large boxes full of school supplies to the children of Honduras over Thanksgiving. It has been wonderful to see to children bring the offerings to chapel each week. During the month of November we will be making cards at preschool to send over to the troops for Christmas. Our church and the Operation Soldier Support sponsor 14 troops and we are making booklets for each of them to be put in a care package. We appreciate all of your support each and every day!!

A big thanks to Lisa Wilson for coordinating our Scholastic Book Fair. We appreciate Traci Lott, Maria Garrison, and Jennifer Martin for taking the time to work at the book fair. We raised over \$600.00 for the preschool as well as receiving new books. Thanks also to Karen Govedich, Rayanne Reynolds, Amy Stokes, Jennifer Martin, Susan Hughes, Jennifer Markham, Chris Dalrymple, Julia Battle, and Kris Kamke for watching the preschool staff children while we completed courses for our school year. We took classes for CPR, First Aid and various developmental classes to prepare for the school year. It takes a great number of people to make a school wonderful. We appreciate all the volunteers and the efforts they make to create such a loving environment in which our children can grow!

Please continue to pray for our students, teachers and church.

A few house-keeping notes....

- We are asking all visitors to sign in at a desk at the preschool door. By doing this, we can monitor who is in the building at all times.
- Please only use the door next to the playground for preschool. Please do not use the main entrance of the church. Once again, we do this for the safety of the children in our care.
- Ken Rada will be taking pictures of our preschool children on September 24 & 25. Wear bright colors! Purchasing pictures is optional.
- Monthly tuition is due by the 10th of each month. If you have not paid September's tuition, please mark your calendar. If tuition is late, a late fee of 10% will be assessed.
- Immunization Form 3231 should be turned in by now.
- If you have not been able to donate supplies such as tissue and wipes, please wait until we ask in the next few months.
- Preschool door opens at 8:55 am!

September 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1 Labor Day</i>	<i>2 Preschool Begins!</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14 Preschool Dedication 11:00 am</i>	<i>15 Wear red</i>	<i>16 Wear red</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18 Staff Meeting</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24 Ken Rada photographs</i>	<i>25 Ken Rada photographs</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i>	<i>29 Wear school shirt</i>	<i>30 Wear school shirt</i>				