

Parent Connection

First United Methodist Church's
School for Little People May 2010

Changes at School for Little People

By now all of you should have received the sad news about our Infant Toddler program closing. School for Little People has had some new financial responsibilities placed upon it this year. These responsibilities are substantial and will not be temporary so there was a need to alter program parameters.

We were pleased that we would not need to totally close the program. **We will be able to continue to care for all the children currently enrolled in our program.** The Infant II classroom and the Explorer classroom will remain open this coming year. The Infant I classroom will close in August at the end of the summer after all babies have moved up to Infant II. We will not be taking new infants going forward.

The Infant II classroom will close when all children currently enrolled have moved up to Explorers, we are anticipating a May 2011 closing. The Explorer class will remain open until all children in the classroom are ready to move up to twos.

The pre-k classes, pre-k extended care and pre-k summer will continue as they are now.

If you have questions or want to discuss these changes, please contact me. I will be happy to answer your questions.

Mrs. C.



Remember to place your orders for the classroom composite

pictures and any individual pictures you may wish to purchase this week. They will be available at the photographer's web site. (www.pictage.com)



Teacher Feature, Kimberly Allen

This is Mrs. Allen's 2nd year at SLP. She teaches a 5-day 2's class.

Mrs. Allen grew up in Perkins, Oklahoma and attended Oklahoma State University where she earned a degree in Early Childhood Education with minors in Child Development and Individual Family and Community Services. While at O.S.U. she taught 2's in the Child Development Lab School. After graduation she moved to Wichita Falls where she began teaching Kindergarten at Lamar IB World School. She taught there for 7 years before coming to work at SLP.

Mrs. Allen is married to Casey Allen and has 2 beautiful children, Parker and Paxson. Both attend SLP.

Kimberly says, when working with young children everyday many memories are created. She is constantly sharing precious, hilarious, and endearing stories with others and spreading the joy she receives from the children. The children affect so many lives and share so much love simply by being themselves. Kimberly says she will be forever grateful to know them and be a part of their daily lives.

Mrs. Allen's favorite colors are Kelly green and yellow. Desserts are her "weakness." And she collects unique earrings and coin purses.



Teacher Feature, Jenny Grace

This is Ms. Jenny's third time back at School for Little People.

She is an Extended Care teacher for the 4 year olds. Jenny graduated from Robert Lee high school and has a BA degree in Sociology from McMurry University.

Ms. Jenny is single, but has a Beagle Basset named "Tessie".

Jenny says one of her favorite things about teaching at SLP is the wonderful children who make beautiful pictures for her everyday. One of those children told her, "My body just can't stop making pictures for you." Jenny is amazed by the daily "entertainment" provided by the inquisitive and inventive children in her classroom..

Ms. Jenny loves cereal, ice cream and Mexican food. She loves purple and blue. She collects Agatha Christi movies based on her books and Murder She Wrote television DVD sets.



Teacher Feature, Alexis Maxwell

This is Ms. Alexis' 2nd year at School for Little People. She works as an aide with Ms. Erica's class and teaches the Extended Care -4's.

Alexis grew up in an Air Force family, so she moved around a lot. She can remember being involved with dance and theater activities.

She loves her job at SLP and has fond memories of the many children that have been a part of her classroom. While in the 2's class, one of her favorite memories was watching a little girl try to teach one of the boys ballroom dancing! Ms. Alexis thought the look on the little boys face was priceless!

She enjoys watching the children grow and discover new things.

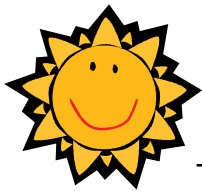
Alexis loves lasagna! Her favorite color is red and she collects books, movies and theater programs.



Remember!

No Pre-K tuition due in May if you paid in Sept.!! Infant, Toddler, and Extended Care charges will still be due weekly in May.

All remaining balances must be paid in full by May 20th in order to begin summer care.



Water Days!

Two fun days of water play in the park have been planned for May 12th and 13th.

Send your child to school in their swimsuit. Each child **must wear closed toe shoes or swim shoes** so be sure what they have on can get wet! **No flip flops please**, things can get pretty slick and we don't want anyone to fall.

Sunscreen and insect repellent are required and must be applied before the child arrives at school. Don't forget to send a towel! Those staying for **aftercare will need a change of clothes.** Please, please, label everything with your child's name.



Park Days

Two fun days of Park play days have been planned for May 17th and May 18th. **For Park Days** children should come to school in old play clothes. They **must wear closed toe shoes.** **No flip flops or sandals.**

Sunscreen and insect repellent are required and must be applied before the child arrives at school. This will be a messy, wet day.

They will need a change of clothes if they are staying for extended care. Please put your child's name on everything! We will have popsicles for everyone in the park sometime during the morning.



Notice!!!

Moving on Celebrations

May 19 and 20 from 11:00-12:00

Please make plans now for a little time off to share this special time with your child. Bring a blanket, sack lunch, play in the park, and enjoy. Don't forget your cameras! Your child is growing up before your eyes!!



A big **Thank You** to all of you who attended our recent **Anniversary Celebration.** We hope it was an enjoyable evening for you and your family!

We especially want to thank those of you who bid (and purchased) during the Flowerpot Auction and to the following businesses and friends for their generous donations and sponsorship of this Anniversary Celebration!!

The Home Depot
Sam's Club
Sutherlands
Berend Brothers
Wells Fargo Bank
Capital Farm Credit
The Pecan Shed
City Concrete
Berry Chiropractic
Kevin & Ashley Parsons
WPT Power Transmissions
Otis Refrigeration
Dwight & Pat Berry
Ruth & Doug Denman
Georg Molnar Sr., DDS

Thanks to your generosity
We have exceeded the goal we
had set for this fundraiser.
This money will go directly back
into our classrooms!



Kid's Say the Funniest Things!!

“Kids Say the Funniest Things” is a regular feature in our SLP Newsletter. The stories come from Teachers and parents, for instance;

In Mrs. Grace’s class, the children got on the subject of siblings. One child said that her sister was being rude. Hudson Milstead replied, “Maybe she needs to go to Anger Mad School!” Jeffrey Ross, then said, “Maybe she needs to go to Military school!”

Olivia Riley asked Mrs. Grace, “Did you ever know a kid could be so smart?”

Does your child say adorable things? Please share them with us and we will share with everyone who reads this newsletter.

Just leave a note in the green mailbox in the SLP office with a brief retelling of the cute thing your child did or said. We will do the rest!



**Thank you to all the
volunteers who came
to the Spring Park Day.**

**Special Thank You to Armando
Fareaux for bringing us helping
hands from Sheppard AFB.
Thanks to Chris and Kristen
Howard for the yummy lunch....
We could not have done the job
without!!!!**



Kindergarten Round-up

The Wichita Falls Public School System is holding Kindergarten Round-up this month. Check with the school your child will be attending for date and times.

Remember to bring with you your child's:

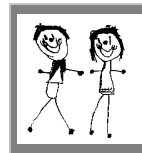
Birth Certificate

Shot Record

Social Security Number

Proof of Residence

Summer Care is full. If you have a change in schedule, notify the office ASAP. Remember, our summer program and summer billing begins on May 24th.



Director's Notes:

I can hardly believe our time together this year is about to end. What a gift all of you have given me, allowing me to share, just a little, in the lives of your precious children. I am honored.

Few people are as blessed as I, to be able to come to work in a place that is so filled with life. I look forward to each day because I know it will be overflowing with joy, excitement, laughter, and yes, tears sometimes and yes, problems and challenges sometimes too. I rejoice to see the growth and development in every child, sometimes the steps are easy and joyful, sometimes difficult and tearful, but growth of every kind is important, and I feel privileged to be a part of it.

Thank you, thank you, from the bottom of my heart for such a wonderful school year!!

At the Anniversary Celebration, I was

thinking of those SLP families who were participating in their last School for Little People event; those of you who's youngest child will be graduating this year. Thank you for your support of this program over the years, and most especially for entrusting us with the care and tutelage of your children. It has been a joy. You will be missed!

I also want to thank the members of our School for Little People Parent Board. This hard working group has organized work days and parties, raised the funds we need to keep our tuition low and our quality high, help with all business aspects of the school, and served as guides and counselors to myself and our staff this year.

Some of our board will be leaving this year; to those people I say a heart felt thanks for a job well done!

To those board members returning and to our new board members I say thank you for your hard work this year and I look forward to working with you next year!

To all of you have a wonderful summer!!

For those of you returning, I am looking forward to next year!!

May 21 SLP closed, Staff Work Day

May 24 Summer Program Begins!!!!

May 25 Muffins Goldfish
 May 26 Crackers and string cheese Yogurt
 May 27 Fruit snacks Cereal bars
 May 28 Popcorn Ice cream

May 31 SLP closed Memorial Day



May Calendar

- May 1 Park Work Day!
 May 3 Newsletters out for 5day and MWF classes
- May 4 Chapel
 Newsletters out for T-Th classes
Fire Station Trip for Mrs. Moran, Mrs. Allen at 9:45, Mrs. Rumpfelt T-TH class and Mrs. Maxwell T-TH class at 10:00
- May 5 Chapel
Fire Station Trip for Mrs. Rumpfelt MWF class and Mrs. Maxwell MWF class at 9:45 Mrs. Grace class at 10:00
- May 6 Music
- May 7 Music
- May 9 **Happy Mother's Day**
- May 12 **Water Day** (Mrs. Allen's class, Mrs. Rumpfelt MWF class, Mrs. Maxwell's MWF class, Mrs. Canafax's class, Ms. Erica's class & Mrs. Grace's class)
- May 13 **Water Day** (Mrs. Moran's class, Mrs. Rumpfelt's T-Th class, Mrs. Maxwell's T-Th class, Mrs. Connel's class, Mrs. Bell's class & Mrs. Hall's class)

Remember for Water Days the children should come in their swimsuit with sunscreen applied, wear water shoes or old sneakers that Mom doesn't mind having get wet. No flip-flops please. They will also need a towel. If your child is staying for extended care be sure to include a change of clothes. **Please put your child's name on everything!!** We will have popsicles for everyone in the park sometime during the morning.

May 17 **Park Day** (Mrs. Rumpfelt's MWF class, Mrs. Allen's class, Mrs. Maxwell's MWF class, Mrs. Canafax's class, Ms. Erica's class & Mrs. Grace's class)

May 18 **Park Day** (Mrs. Moran's class, Mrs. Maxwell's TTh class, Mrs. Rumpfelt's TTh class, Mrs. Hall's class, Mrs. Bell & Mrs. Connel's class)



May Snack List

Juice, Cereal with milk, Pop Tarts, and Cereal Bars are always available for our Early Birds who drop off before 8:15. You may also choose to allow your child to bring breakfast from home.

All morning snacks are served with water all afternoon snacks with milk or juice.

Morning

May 3 Raisins
 May 4 Pudding
 May 5 Goldfish
 May 6 Graham Crackers
 May 7 Popcorn

Afternoon

Cheese Crackers
 Pretzels
 Fruit snacks
 Poptarts
 Ice Cream Cups

May 10 Chex Mix
 May 11 Cereal Bars
 May 12 Yogurt
 May 13 Muffins
 May 14 Popcorn

Applesauce
 Graham Crackers
 Goldfish
 Animal Crackers
 Ice Cream Sandwiches

May 17 Granola Bars
 May 18 Cereal bars
 May 19 Chex mix
 May 20 Popcorn

Muffins
 Fruit snacks
 Pudding
 Ice Cream

Remember for Park Days children should come in old play clothes with sun screen already applied. This will be a messy, wet day. They will need a change of clothes if they are staying for extended care. Please put your child's name on everything! We will have popsicles for everyone in the park sometime during the morning.

May 18 Let Butterflies (if they are out of their chrysalides') go in the park.

May 19 Let Butterflies (if they are out of their chrysalides') go in the park.

If the butterflies need a little more time we will let them go May 25 and May 26.

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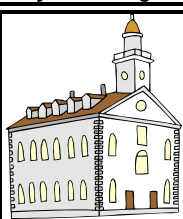
May 20 Moving On Celebration (Mrs. Rumpfelt's T-Th class, Mrs. Maxwell's T-Th class, Ms. Erica's class, Mrs. Hall's class, Mrs. Bell's class & Mrs. Connel's class)

Remember for the Moving On Celebration each family brings a picnic lunch to share in the park. Also bring lawn chairs or a blanket for your picnic. The children will receive certificates.

May 21 Work Day!! All programs will be closed so the staff can organize for summer.

May 24 Summer Program Begins!!!

May 31 Program will be closed Memorial Day!!



FUMC Church Happenings!

**SLP children and families are always
welcome at any FUMC event!**

**Come join us for worship
8:30 and 10:30 am each Sun.
Sunday School 9:15 am**

Or watch our live telecast at 10:30 a.m. on FOX 18 or Time Warner 9 or Home Heartland 17.

SUMMER FUN EVENTS

FUMC Children's ministry 2010

A mailer will be coming to your home soon
with dates and times!!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

All children 4 years old by Sept. 1,
2010 through entering 6th graders
welcome!

Dates: July 12-16

Time: 9:00-12:00

Advance registration available now on the
FUMC web site, www.fumcwf.org

MISSION AND FUN OPPORTUNITIES FOR KIDS!

We offer various programs throughout the
summer to give kids a chance to learn the
value of giving to others while having fun!

KINGDOM KIDS is for children entering
Kindergarten through children entering 4th
grade.

ADVENTURES IN MISSIONS (AIM)
is for children entering 5th, 6th and 7th grade.
This program usually involves a service
activity in the morning, lunch and then fun
in the afternoon. Dates and times will vary.

The Music Ministry of FUMC would
like to invite you to
"Table for Five...Thousand"

A Children's Musical presented by our
FUMC children's choir program.

Dinner and the show are

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

**At 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall,
First United Methodist Church**

Tickets (\$6.00 adults, \$3.00 children)

On Sale Now! (For nursery
reservations, please call the church at
766-4231)

