



# Westlake United Methodist Preschool

## HOORAY FOR SUMMER!

We will be having our **SUMMER PROGRAM** again this year! **ENROLLMENT WILL BE LIMITED** due to staffing available during the summer. We will have three sessions, 2 weeks to each session on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each week. You may register your child for one, two or three sessions **IF SPACE IS AVAILABLE**. **ALL sessions must be paid for at registration**. Your child will be placed in the age group he or she has just completed.

We will make available an **INTEREST FORM** for Summer Sessions on February 22 and 23 to determine possible enrollment and to plan for Summer 2010. **ALL INTEREST FORMS** for children wishing to enroll for Summer are due in the Preschool office by Friday, February 26. Families will be notified about registration availability by receiving a Registration Form. Registration forms and tuition should be turned in on March 3 & 4 in Wyatt Hall, Room 203 to confirm placement. You may register for Vacation Bible School at that time as well.

**VBS June 7—June 11**  
**SESSION 1 June 15—24**  
**SESSION 2 July 6—15**  
**SESSION 3 July 20—29**

### PARENTS,

Please observe your child closely **BEFORE** bringing them to school. There are reported viruses and illnesses running through the preschool at this time. **ALL ARE CONTAGIOUS AND HAVE RECOGNIZABLE SYMPTOMS**. Please refer to the Handbook for guidelines as to illness. Children should **NOT** return to school for 24 hours following a fever, vomiting, diarrhea, sore throat, cough, red or discharging eyes or rash. Please contact the Preschool if your child has a communicable illness so that we can track the spread of illness.

### CHILD CARE TAX CREDIT

Parents don't forget...if you are working for pay while your child is in care at WUMP you may be able to use the child care credit on your tax return. You will need the Federal Employer Tax

I. D. number:  
74-181-4922

## TEACHER TRAINING

Many of you do not realize how much training the WUMP teachers receive each year. As an Austin Rising Star provider, staff is required to have 20 hours and the director 25 hours each year. CPR and First Aid are required by the state but not included in the training hours.

This year some of the topics that have been covered in our training have been: Guidance, Speech and Language Development, Emergency Procedures, and Diversity. Staff have the opportunity to receive excellent training through attendance at State and local conferences on Early Childhood; some attend college level classes and take correspondence courses. Many staff members exceed the required hours each year.

We devote time and energy in preparing ourselves to provide the quality in Early Childhood education to help our children thrive in the best possible learning environment.

February 2010

## DATES TO NOTE:

- ☉ Feb. 22 & 23 Interest forms for Summer Fun Sessions to all classes Due Feb. 26
- ☉ March 3 & 4 Summer Registration Confirmation
- ☉ March 4 1:15 Staff Meeting **NO EXTENDED DAY**
- ☉ March 4 and 5 **PIZZA DAY**
- ☉ March 15-19 **SPRING BREAK**
- ☉ March 22-31 **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**
- ☉ April 1-2 Easter Holiday **WUMP closed**
- ☉ April 8 Staff Meeting **NO EXTENDED DAY**
- ☉ April 8-9 **PIZZA DAY**
- ☉ April 12-16 **WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD**
- ☉ May 21 Last Day School **Noon Dismissal**
- ☉ May 24-25 Staff Work Days
- ☉ June 7-11 **VBS**
- ☉ June 15-24 **Summer 1**
- ☉ July 6—15 **Summer 2**
- ☉ July 20-29 **Summer 3**

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# OUTDOOR FUN!!!

Did your children tell you about the ice sculptures hanging from the trees? We froze colorful objects in pie tins and plastic containers and predicted what would happen. The kids were touching and watching the ice all day. We put one in the sun and one in the shade. One was larger and one was smaller. Imagine the discoveries the children made!!!

## Curriculum Corner



### The Infants

The babies are changing daily. We are seeing them work hard to pull and stand up!

We used silver paint and stamps to make snowflake art.

They are starting to talk to us with sounds like "dot dot", "ma ma", "da da"!

### Music

"Will You Be My Valentine

My Valentine

My Valentine

Will You Be My Valentine

To Call My Very Own"

### Four Year Olds MWF-TH

Game time has started! Each day we get in small groups to play different games. We are learning many skills as we work together.

We found real birds nests in the environment, explored them and dictated our findings.

We talked about different kinds of homes that animals live.

Cooking breakfast and wearing our pj's was lots of fun. We shared with others. Our classroom kitchen is always busy using our newest dishes!



### Older Threes

January was cold outside but we got to watch ice melt right in front of our eyes! We collected plates and sugar cubs and made igloos in our art center. Afterwards we talked about different houses where people live. Four words were put on our wall (scarf, mittens, gloves & ice cream cone). Since almost all our children have turned four, we discovered how to work with the number four. One fun thing was creating a four part collage.

### Toddlers

Did you see our snowmen we painted different colors? They framed the outside of our classroom for everyone to see.

We created ice sculptures in pie pans by putting frozen objects inside then freezing them. They shined so brightly outside and melted quickly!

### Two Year Olds

We put ice in our sensory tub...BRRRR!

Hope you heard about the "snow storm" we had in Wyatt Hall. Wind was blowing and pretend snow flying everywhere. What fun!!

Our favorite story was "The Mitten" by Jan Brett.

### Older Fours M-F

Try freezing plastic penguins & polar bears in ice and watching them melt! I wonder how long that takes? The science center was buzzing with excitement watching it happen.

We hung matching mittens in our room too!

In our room we decorated our wall with a giant community, celebrating community helpers this month.

Be sure and read our message board outside; letters everywhere!

### Creative Movement

Ms. Corinne is working on summer saults with the children. They roll over the back of a giant ball as she safely flips their bodies. They are learning to throw and kick balls too. They work hard jumping up to get a tiny basketball in the hoop.

Balancing on the beam is fun too!

### Younger 3's

We sang the rain rain go away song as we painted with water! Come see the rain art hanging in the window.

We had fun in our art center decorating mittens with all kinds of fun things. We are excited to have our parents come in and be guest readers. The kids love it!

Soon we will discover "Things That Are Opposite."

### Chapel

Ms Jane told many stories about Jesus and his helpers. He loves us to share. She told the story of all the people needing food with only two fish. Overhearing Jesus talk about sharing, a little boy decides to share his lunch. There was plenty. We thank God for our food and our friends.

### Young Fours M-F

#### "DIGEEREDOO"

Know what that is? It's a native Australian instrument made from branches in the area. The paint them with native dyes and beeswax. Our class tried decorating our own instruments using pvc pipe. They sound great!

We made a giant ball out of rubberbands and played with it in the gym. It's very heavy.

Inside our sensory tub were "things that match (gloves, pens, paper etc.).