



Westlake United Methodist Preschool

FALL 2010

Classes will begin on **WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 1.**
Holidays and In-service Dates closely follow EISD.

**SEPTEMBER 2010 TUITION AND ALL FORMS
ARE DUE ON August 1, 2010**

Class Photos

Class Photos are posted outside your child's classroom. Be sure to order and prepay copies promptly. **Order deadline is Friday, May 7.**

Sorry NO REORDERS!

Our gratitude to Jackie Lum, a parent and teacher AND photographer for volunteering her time and talent to take our class pictures and place the order. The memories are priceless!

SPECIAL THANK YOU'S TO:

** Lisa & Jason Kaspar and Jessica Daetwyler for making our Silent Auction a success!

** Thank you to all for bidding on the children's art work and helping us raise funds for our planned butterfly garden!

OUR GARDEN

We think our garden can be called a success story! The children have enjoyed planting seeds and plants and watching sprouts grow. They know there are many different kinds and sizes of seeds. They have looked with magnifying glasses for the creatures who eat holes in leaves and carefully picked off the tiny bugs and caterpillars. They know how to be careful when they touch the plants. They have learned to identify plants by their leaves and by their fragrance. They have tasted new things. They have been delighted to pull carrots and radishes from the soil. They have learned new words and descriptive terminology. They have written stories about their work. They have become gardeners!!!

If you have not had a chance to visit our gardens (there are two: the large vegetable garden at the back of the playground and the herb garden against the building), you should ask your child to take you on a tour.

Summer Openings!

We have openings in Summer Fun Sessions for the following classes:

2 Year Olds

3 Year Olds

4 & 5 Year Olds

Please stop by the Preschool Office for more information!

ANY BABY CAN DIAPER DRIVE

Donation sites are set up in the Narthex and in the Taylor Building foyer. Please join us in supporting our community's youngest, sickest, and poorest children and their families. Large sizes especially needed. WUMC will also accept monetary donations.

May 2010

DATES TO NOTE:

- ☉ May 6 & 7 Pizza Days
- ☉ May 6 Staff Meeting at 1:15— *No Extended Day*
- ☉ May 7 CLASS PHOTO ORDER DEADLINE
- ☉ May 13 & 14 Chapel & "Sending Forth" celebration of 4 & 5 year old classes, 9:45 Courtyard
- ☉ May 21 Last Day School Noon Dismissal
- ☉ May 24-25 Staff Work Days
- ☉ June 7-11 Vacation Bible School
- ☉ Summer Session 1 June 15-24
- ☉ Summer Session 2 July 6-15
- ☉ Summer Session 3 July 20-29
- ☉ August 23-27 Individual school visits for children
- ☉ August 30 Visiting morning for all classes
- ☉ Sept. 1 First Day of Classes
- ☉ Sept. 2 New Parent Orientation @ 6:30 pm & Open House for Families @ 7:00 pm

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FUNDRAISERS NEEDED!!!

Our amazing Fundraising Committee Chair, Lisa Kaspar, will graduate this Spring. We are in need of volunteers to plan and implement Fundraisers for the 2010-2011 school year. This is a vital part of our program! Please contact Sharon in the Preschool Office if you would like to serve in this way.

MANY THANKS!

- *To **EVERYONE** for the terrific turnout for our parade and ice cream social during WOYC.
- *To **PARENTS** who completed the Staff Evaluations, who volunteered in classrooms, substituted, participated in events and made this year great!
- *To the **BEST STAFF** in any program, anywhere!
- *To the **CHILDREN** for enriching our lives and teaching us all so much!

STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

The Preschool Advisory Committee will again sponsor the traditional end of the year luncheon for the Preschool Staff on Friday, May 21, at 12:15.

This is always a wonderful event and we have many people to thank in advance for helping to make it special. Please let us know how you will help to honor our terrific staff by returning the Luncheon letter to the office by May 17.

Special thanks to all PSAC members and parents for their efforts in making this day special!



******As this school year draws to a close, I reflect on the year past and attempt to thank all who have made our year memorable. This year has been filled with many events that have touched our lives as a community. Some joyous, some sad, and all woven into the fabric of who we are. Our time in this special place allows us to be a part of the lives of families and what a worthy job! I want to commend the finest STAFF anywhere! They are responsible for this program and the atmosphere of love, caring and professionalism found here. I am grateful for a very supportive and hard-working PSAC and their leadership and the dedication and diligence they give to all of us. I want to thank the families for entrusting your precious children to our care. We are ever grateful to the Church and her leaders for their constant encouragement and support.. The joys we all share have been daily. It is wonderful to rejoice together in Gods blessings, both large and small.*

The final days of school will be filled with as much fun as we can possibly have! The children are filled with excitement, anticipation, and a little trepidation. It is wonderful to watch them grow and pass through many stages and changes. As usual, we adults are filled with bittersweet emotions as this year comes to a close. Change is healthy, but hard at times. For those staff and families who will move on, we send you with a piece of our hearts. The time here is precious! We thank you for the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children. We sincerely hope you look back with fond memories of the times that we have shared. We wish you all well and send you off with much love!

May the memories wrap their arms around you,

May your childhood take you by the hand...Tom Hunter

HAPPY SUMMER!