

# Garner United Methodist Preschool's September Newsletter! 2010

We are looking forward to a great school year. This year here at GUMP, we have two classes of two year olds with Mrs. Wilkerson as the lead teacher. We have four classes of three year olds with Mrs. Thorpe and Mrs. Parker as lead teachers. There are three classes of four year olds with Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Dixon, and we want to welcome Mrs. Creighton as our newest teacher. Don't forget to check out the web page at [garnerumc.org](http://garnerumc.org) and become a friend on [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/gumpreschool). You can also email us at [gumpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:gumpreschool@gmail.com).

## **Bulletin board is full of information....**

In the fellowship Hall you will find a bulletin board with all kinds of information on it. If at any time you have a question, please come by the office and ask.

## **Get your T-shirt NOW....**

We will be selling t-shirts until we run out. We will have t-shirts for sale in red, yellow and blue for \$8.00 each. Stop by the office to pick one up.

## **First Day.....**

Opening Day will be Wednesday, September, 1<sup>st</sup> for all 3-day classes and 5-day classes. Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the first day for all 2-day class. Preschool may be a new experience for some children so the first week will be short days (9:20-11:30) for our 2 and 3 year old classes. All 2 year olds need to be walked to the classroom and picked up from the classroom. They will learn a song, have refreshments, and hear a story, all in two hours, so your child will be busy and happy as he/she gets accustomed to a new place and people. **Pick your child up at 11:30am following the regular procedure. Do not bring lunch the first week, we will have snacks only.**

All 4 year old classes will start on Wednesday, September, 1<sup>st</sup> and will be a full day (9:20-1:15pm). Please do not forget to send a lunch.

On the first day only, park in the parking lot and come in for a brief visit. It is sometimes difficult for a few children to adjust to a new experience, but we have found that they do much better if their parents show no hesitancy about leaving them. We will start our carpool line on the second day. Please be reminded that two year olds need to be walked to and from class.

## **Car pool.....**

Here at GUMP we have a car pool line. Car pool children will only be unloaded on the passenger side of the car. If your child gets out on the driver's side of the car, we are asking that you get your child out of the car and walk to a staff member on the sidewalk. We want to do what is safe for the children and for the staff. **Please pull around the building to buckle your child in.** There are lots of spaces to stop. Because of their young age, we are asking that parents of children in our 2 year old class, please walk your child to class each morning and pick them up in their class by 1:15pm. Please do not park in the spaces directly in front of the preschool, this is for our car-pool line.

## **Just for parents.....**

We know how hard the first day of preschool can be for parents. We will be having tissues for parents in the Fellowship Hall the first day of preschool. Stop by and talk to other parents and have a tissue. You will find coffee and a few refreshments there for you. Please take your time.

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## **Letting you know what is coming up soon! Fundraiser....**

We are selling cookie dough and desserts again this year. We hope that this fundraiser will be as successful as ones in years past. We will need some volunteers to help with getting the orders ready to send in and help when the orders come in to go home with the children. Please let Mrs. Hunter know if you are willing to help. This is a big job and we want to get everyone's order right. We have done well the last several years and look forward to another good year. Look for more information on exact dates to come home soon.

## **Pictures just in time for Christmas...**

Portrait Makers will be here taking pictures on Monday and Tuesday, October 18 and 19. Your child will have their picture taken on their regular class day. All five day fours will have their picture taken on Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. They make great Christmas gifts.

## **Keeping Children well....**

We here at GUMP want to make sure that all children are kept safe. Please help us by following these simple guidelines. Children with a fever, acute cold, diarrhea, vomiting, or severe sore throat must remain at home and be free of fever or diarrhea, or vomiting for 24 hours before returning to GUMP. If your child becomes ill and feverish while at GUMP, he/she will be separated from the other children and the parents will be called to come and pick up the child. We prefer to be called when your child will miss GUMP. If your child develops a contagious illness, please call us so we may notify other parents.

## **School Calendar for 2010-2011**

September 1<sup>st</sup> for all 3 day classes and 5-day four year olds  
September 2<sup>nd</sup> for all 2 day classes

**(half day 9:30-11:30 am for all 2's and 3's this week)**

September 6<sup>th</sup> – Holiday

October 1<sup>st</sup>-Teacher Workday

October 29<sup>th</sup>- Teacher Workday

November 11<sup>th</sup> – School Closed – Veteran's Day

November 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Holiday

December 20<sup>th</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup> – Christmas Holiday

January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Back to School

January 17<sup>th</sup> – School Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 24<sup>th</sup> – School Closed – TW

February 21,22 - School Closed – TW

March 25<sup>th</sup>,-Holiday

April 1<sup>st</sup>-Teacher Workday

April 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> – School Closed-Spring Break

May 25<sup>th</sup>-last day for 4's – Graduation (7:30pm)

May 23<sup>rd</sup> - last day for 2 and 3 year old classes)

May 24<sup>th</sup> – Picnic (Picnic is for all 2 and 3 year old classes this day)

## **Would you like to substitute for us...**

We need parents to substitute for us when we have someone out. You will never have to be by yourself, you will always be with a staff person. The pay is \$30 per day. Please come by the office and sign-up.

## **Do you need a work-out Class...**

Michele Yancy will have a full body workout class every Tuesday and Thursday at 1:30pm here at the preschool. For those of you that would like to go during preschool hours she does offer a class on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9:30am. Please ask at the office for more information.