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UNIVERSITY CITY UNITED CHURCH

PRESCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

APRIL CALENDAR

April 4 to 8: Spring Break – No School

**April 9 to 13: Summer School Registration – Processing on Friday,
April 13 at 9 am: Forms received after 9 am will be processed as rec'd**

April 11 & 12 – Sea Camp

April 19: Thursday – “My Little Pony” farm Animals will visit Preschool

April 23: Monday – S. D. Zoo Presentation

April 24 – Tuesday: Preschool Open House

**5:00 to 6:00 pm – Mrs. Frasier & Mrs. Nelson’s Classes &
Mrs. Foster & Ms. Amador’s Class**

**6:30 to 7:30 pm – Ms. Marilyn & Mrs. Miller’s Class &
Mrs. Lynch & Mrs. Brightman’s Class**

LOOKING AHEAD TO MAY & JUNE

Week of May 1 to 4 & Wed May 9: Parent – Teacher Conferences are scheduled.

See over for more information. Sign-up Sheets Available at Open House

Monday, May 28 – Memorial Day Observed – No School

May 30: Wednesday – Last day of regular classes

May 31: Thursday– End of the School Year Picnic in Standley Park

Tuesday, June 5 to June 28 – Session #1 of Summer School

Tuesday, July 2 to July 26 – Session #2 of Summer School

2012 Summer School

Session 1 – June 5 – June 28

Session 2 – July 2 to July 26

Note: School will be in session Mon, July 2.

No school on Wed, July 4.

Registration forms are available on the sign-in table. Priority will be given to people who turn in forms by Friday, April 13. If there are more than 27 sign-ups—a raffle will be used to determine placement,

If you are interested, please sign up soon because we need to arrange staffing.



Open House

April 24 - Tuesday

Please join us for our annual Open House on Tuesday, April 24. There are two sessions so it won't be too crowded. Teachers will have an opportunity to talk with all of the parents.

We invite families of children in both of Mrs. Frasier's classes and Mrs. Foster's class to come from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. The children will sing songs at 5:10 pm.

Open House Information Continued

Ms. Marilyn's and Mrs. Lynch's classes are invited to come from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. This group will sing at 6:40 pm.

If you are a family who has a child in either of Mrs. Frasier's classes and another child in either Ms. Marilyn's or Mrs. Lynch's class, you may bring both children to either one of the two sessions. (Example: You decide the 5:00 to 6:00 pm session works best for your family, you may bring both your child who is in Mrs. Frasier's class and your child who is in Mrs. Marilyn's class to that session and not attend the later session, or vice versa.) All teachers will be here the entire evening, so you will have an opportunity to visit with them at either or both sessions.

Please be prompt so your child won't miss the singing—which is a very important part of the evening. They have been practicing their songs for several weeks and are so proud to show what they have learned. You won't want to miss it either.

Following the singing, light refreshments will be provided. We ask that parents please bring refreshments. There will be a sign-up sheet on the sign-in table. Refreshments should be finger-foods. Some children may not have had dinner, so please use your best judgment in deciding what to bring. We suggest nutritious snacks!

Parents, siblings, grandparents, and other relatives and friends are welcome to attend. We will probably have from 100-150 people in each group. If 15 individual's sign up for each group and bring enough food for 10-12 people, we should have plenty. The preschool will provide the beverages. Thank you so much for your support with this event.

Hope to see you there!

Teachers will be busy visiting with parents and serving beverages, so we ask that you supervise your children. There may be toddlers, babies and older people present, so please intervene if your child or other children start running and chasing around. In the past, we have had some tears when little ones are run into by older children. Thanks for your assistance with this matter.

May Tuition Payment



Most families prepaid their May 2012 tuition in July 2011.

However, some parents who enrolled children later, or after the first of the year, will have a tuition payment due in May. Families may have made adjustments to the original tuition fee (extended care, etc.) and it's possible that they will have a balance due in May. We will put a notice in your child's cubby if there is an outstanding tuition balance. Notices should be in your child's cubby in April.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

They are tentatively scheduled for the first week in May and Wednesday, May 9. Sign-up sheets will be available at Open House on Tuesday, April 24.

- Tues May 1: Mrs. Frasier's 2-Day Class
- Wed May 2: Mrs. Lynch's Class
- Thurs May 3: Mrs. Foster's Class
- Fri May 4: Mrs. Frasier's 3-Day Class
- Wed May 9: Ms. Marilyn's Class

Accreditation

We are now beginning the accreditation self-study process in preparation for a site visit next school year. We are looking at all aspects of the program from relationships with children and their families to curriculum to health and safety to administrative policies. During this process we need parent input both informally through your suggestions, ideas and concerns and formally through your completing the survey which will be given out later this month and through parents getting involved by filling positions on the Preschool Board. In September we will have an opening on the board for a parent who is also a Church member. If any parent is interested in this position, please talk to Mrs. Ries or Rev. Curt Fuller. If we are unable to find a church member who has a child in the preschool, we may waive the church member requirement. So, please if you have any interest in serving on the Preschool Board and acting as a parent voice on the board, let us know. We always take your suggestions and ideas very seriously and try and incorporate them if possible. Some of our major improvements have been courtesy of innovative parents. Thank you again for all you do!

