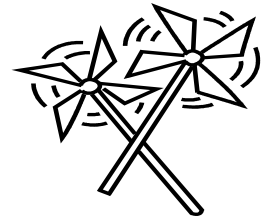


UNIVERSITY CITY UNITED CHURCH PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Calendar

Friday, September 25:

Sally Foster Gift Wrap Orders Due!!

**Wednesday, September 23
and Thursday, September 24:**

**9 am – Parent Coffee and Volunteer Meeting
(immediately following coffee for about
half an hour: 9:30 to 10:00 am)**

Looking Ahead: ***Parent/Teacher Conferences- First two weeks in November***

Parent Coffees & Volunteer Meetings

We have scheduled two Parent Coffees: one on Wednesday Sep 23, and one on Thursday, Sep 24.

We invite all parents to join us at 9 am for this special opportunity to meet and visit with other parents of your child's class.

We will follow the social part with a short meeting for those parents who wish to volunteer regularly in the classroom. During this meeting, we will go over the types of activities in which you will be involved, requirements needed for you to participate in the classroom on a regular basis, and general guidelines to make volunteering a successful and rewarding experience for you and the children.

Parent-Teacher Conference/Parent Survey

Every year, we have conferences early in the school year so that we may get input from you concerning your child and also set goals for each individual child for the coming year. This year, we are doing conferences the first 2 weeks in November, so the teachers have an opportunity to assess each child's development and share this with you as well as get additional input from you. We have distributed a Parent Survey and ask that all parents please take the time to complete this survey.

In prior years, much of this information was obtained at the first conference. However, since conferences are being held later, it is important to share this information with the teacher **now** so she can plan the best possible learning environment for your child.

When we have conferences, each teacher will have one day set aside when a substitute will take her class so she may spend adequate time with every parent. Children will attend class as usual. More information on conferences will be available in the next newsletter.

E-Scrip Benefits Your Child

Here's something that's easy, costs you nothing and benefits your child. Sign-up with e-Scrip and every time you shop at any of the over 6,000 merchant locations, a percentage of your purchase will go to UCUC Preschool. Here's what to do:

1. Go to www.escrip.com

Enter our Group ID# 151855795

Click on Sign-up **OR**

2. Turn-in an e-scrip form and we will sign you up.

Also, bring your **Von's** receipts (dated 9/12 through 10/9) to the preschool in an envelope marked **E-scrip** and we will enter the

appropriate information so the preschool will receive credit for purchases you made during the summer Back-To-School campaign.

Looking Ahead

We will not be celebrating Halloween during the school day this year. Even with a limited celebration, we have children who find the whole experience overwhelming. This early in the school year, it is best to keep the routine as “normal” as possible.

Let's Be Prepared!

Please bring in **extra clothes** and an **Earthquake Bag**. The preschool stockpiles food and water, but parents need to provide extra clothes and emergency information that we will need to get through a major disaster. Please consult your Parent handbook, page 8, for guidelines on what you need to include in your child's Earthquake Bag

This bag is stored in the shed and not opened unless we have an emergency, so we also need additional clothes for those times when your child may have a toileting accident, spills juice in the lap or plays in water or mud and needs a change.

Thank you very much for taking care of this as soon as possible.

Lending Libraries Open Mon. 9/21

UCUC Preschool runs a lending library for children and also one for parents. We have a basket with plastic bags that are numbered and contain two children's books. To check out a bag, just enter the child's name, the bag number, date borrowed and parent initials.

For the parent library, there is a number on a sticky dot on each book. Just enter the date, book number, your child's name and your initials.

We encourage families to check out books. Children's books may be kept for one or two weeks only, and adult books may be kept for four to six weeks at the most. This allows others to use these resources. We hope you enjoy the resources we have but if you have any special requests for parent resources,

please let us know. We want to expand and update our parent library. Thank you for your cooperation.

Lunch Openings

We have a few openings on Tues & Thurs for lunch bunch. If you decide you'd like to have your child stay for lunch on a regular basis, one day a week, or occasionally, please talk with Mrs. Ries.

Lunch Bunch Recommendations

For those doing lunch bunch, please pick-up a sheet giving suggestions for what to send for your child's lunch. Please remember three things:

- 1) **Provide no waste lunches.** Go green! Pack all lunch items in reusable or recyclable containers.
- 2) **Pack nutritious food items—avoiding sweets & processed foods.** Limit juice to the American Pediatric Association recommendation of no more than 6 oz. per day for preschoolers.
- 3) **Pack appropriate portions.** A child's stomach is about the size of their fist. Check the list provided for appropriate portions.

Receipts

Normally, we do not provide receipts for tuition payments. However, if you require one every month, please tell Mrs. Ries or Bonnie and we will prepare one for you.

Director's Comments

We are looking forward to a fun and exciting year. I hope you enjoyed our skits at the orientation. If so, let us know and always feel free to share your suggestions, concerns and ideas with us.

We consider preschool to be a joint venture and we always have your child's best interests at heart. Let's make this another fantastic year!

