



# Westminster Presbyterian Church Preschool Newsletter January/February 2009



## A Note from the Director



Dear Parents, Our school is embarking on a new adventure and we ask that you join us. Recently the Teachers had an in-service and our topic was on Children and Literature. We had conversation on the importance of quality literature and what defines "quality". We reviewed the importance of what we are reading and exposing the children to in our classrooms. One resounding concern was the commercialism that is encroaching on our children. You would have been very proud of your child's teacher as we unanimously agreed to be ever mindful of what we are reading to our children in the classroom. In turn we want to support the opportunity for our parents to have quality choices in books that are available to children.

We have long known about Chinaberry and the personal effort they put into offering some of the best literature that is current for the whole family.

Starting next month look for the "Book Bag" section in the Preschool newsletter. Teachers will be taking turns highlighting their favorite books from the Chinaberry offerings. Families will have the opportunity to order from their paper catalog or on line via their wonderful website. We will be discontinuing Scholastic Book Club though the classrooms. We understand Scholastic is convenient and often will have similar books as Chinaberry however Chinaberry also caters to the whole family as well as quality gift items. Orders may be placed on line at [www.chinaberry.com](http://www.chinaberry.com)

## Thank You Parent Advisory Board

Thanks so much to the Parent Advisory Board for their continued support. Because of all of our family's efforts we look forward to Monday and Tuesday January 28th and 29th for our annual **Snow Day!** Children may bring their mittens and warm shoes and "snow toys". This event has always been a great memory builder. Also Mr. Tom the music man will be back on his regular schedule visiting our classes once a month. We also look forward to our **PJ Party Night and Basket Auction** on February 11th.

## Upcoming Dates to Remember...

Jan 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Snow Day

Registration for the school year (Sept 2009 – June 2010) has started. If you did not receive a form please come to the office to get one!! Registration will open in February to the public.

<b>Feb 1st</b>	tuition due, late after the 10th
<b>Feb 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	open registration to public
<b>Feb 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Pajama Party & Silent Auction
<b>Feb 12 &amp; 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Valentine Parties
<b>Feb 16<sup>th</sup></b>	School Closed-President's Day
<b>Feb 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Father's Night
<b>Feb 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Speech & Language Screening

## Car and Child Safety

I have been asked by several Parents to remind other Parents to **PLEASE SLOW DOWN** in our Parking lot, even if you are running late! The safety of our children is the most important!!! We hear a lot about the dangers especially with the height of the SUV. We do our best to watch our children, but we also know about that split second! Let's all be on the look out and be advocates for all of the Children. Thank you!

Empower your child by giving him/her a choice and a chance. Let them learn to make their own decisions, when appropriate, and learn to trust their feelings. Taking risks is the number one condition for building positive self-esteem.



## Daddy's Night

Please circle **Thursday, February 19th** on the calendar! From 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., the Preschool staff will be on hand so that your child can share an evening out with the special man in his/her life. Daddy's Night give fathers, grandfathers, uncles or friends the opportunity to visit the children's rooms and see where their little people spend their school hours. We hope you set aside the date to share this special occasion.