



# Westminster Presbyterian Church Preschool Newsletter November 2008



## A Note from Judy ...

What a great year we are having! The enthusiasm and parental support is fantastic! I feel it at our Parent Advisory Board meetings and I felt it at our Family Fun Dinner. The teachers are commenting that the Parents are **SO** supportive. We can't thank you enough for helping to make this the best place to foster an atmosphere of love and care for our preschoolers. The research confirms that preschool is necessary for success in the later years of school. We thank you for choosing us to be that partner in your child's learning process. We believe that if their "hands are on" their "brains are on"!

As we look to November and all that we are thankful for, in my prayers, I'm thankful for all our families at WPCP.

Hugs,

Judy Hightower

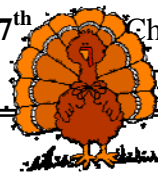


## Upcoming Dates to Remember...

**November 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>** Tuition Due  
**November 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>** School Pictures delivered  
**November 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>** Reptile Day  
**November 11<sup>th</sup>** **School Closed**-Veterans Day  
**November 12<sup>th</sup>** Picture Make-ups  
 10:30-1:00  
**November 13<sup>th</sup>** Picture Make-ups  
 10:30-12:00  
**November 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>** **School Closed** -  
 Thanksgiving

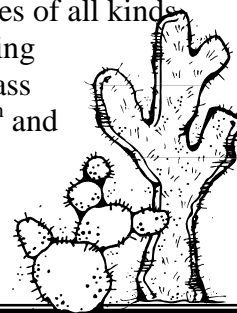
Save the date...

**December 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Craft and  
 Sing-a-Long\*



## Reptile Day

Thanks to our wonderful Parent Advisory Board, the children will get an opportunity to have a hands-on experience with reptiles of all kinds. The Reptile Family will be visiting with the children during their class time on Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.



## Parent Education

In an effort to reach as many families as possible we have partnered with Conejo Valley Adult Education in supporting their "**Parent Talk**" Series. Tickets are sold both for the series and on an individual speaker basis. Conejo Valley Adult School has proven over the years to acquire and promote quality speakers from both local and country wide resources. We have



brochures as well as study guides in the office for your convenience.

## Parking Space

Congratulations to the McLane and Covert Families!! They were the winners of the Parking Space that was raffled off at the Family Fun Dinner. Please be courteous and do not park in the parking space next to the Preschool Office. That space now belongs



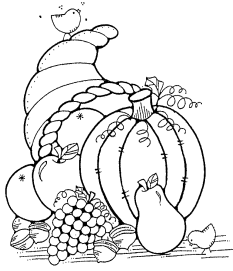
## Mr. Tom Music

## Workshop

Have your children come home talking about Mr. Tom? If your children are feeling a bit more confident about their musical abilities it may be because Mr. Tom has now come to do special music workshops for our kids. His intuitive children are apparent and a delight to experience. Thanks to the Parent Advisory Board financial commitment we will look



## Thanksgiving-A Time of Thanks & Giving



During the Thanksgiving season, the teachers and children will be talking about sharing and what they are thankful for. Classes will join one another to share a "Thanksgiving Feast". Also during the month of November, please look for our Manna boxes. Now is a perfect time to help our children experience giving to others in need.

### Open House

We had a great time welcoming our Families to our annual Open House. Many of the children were able to proudly show off where they spend their school time. We hope you enjoyed visiting the school with your child.



### Lunch Bunch News

The word has it that it is very popular! We are happy to offer this extension to your child's day. Please take a moment to get to know the staff of Lunch Bunch -, Jori Bitterolf, Kristin Chobanian, Yvonne Thomas and the coordinator, Annette Druian. Many thanks to the volunteers, without you the program would not be possible. I have overheard a few parents commenting that they enjoy "working" lunch bunch; it gives them an insight into the life of their children's preschool world. If you have questions or concerns, please come by the office so we will know how and where to direct your questions.



## ACADEMICS: what exactly does that mean?

To a Preschool Teacher who is planning their curriculum, it means that children are given the opportunity to experience their environment. True academics and learning come from challenges children conquer. Activities that foster imagination, creativity, and promote abstract thinking, problem solving, and confidence are all brain mapping experiences.

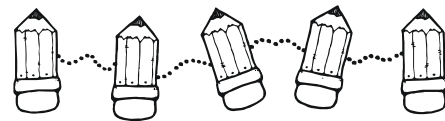
### When I Look at Books and Listen to Stories I Learn:

1. That learning to read is important and enjoyable
2. That letters on a page represent words
3. To express my own thought, feeling and ideas better
4. To exercise my imagination
5. To interpret pictures to represent words and ideas
6. To listen well to spoken language
7. To make up my own stories
8. To handle books with care
9. To recognize certain words when I see them in print
10. To use more complex language patterns in my own speech
11. To follow the development of thought and ideas in the plot Of a story



### When I Play in the Dress Up Corner I Learn:

1. To be flexible in my thinking and to make decisions
2. To express myself with my words
3. To try on different adult roles
4. To solve social problems through negotiation with friends
5. To sort and organize play things
6. To improvise and use things in a symbolic way To represent something else, **abstract thinking**
7. To carry out my ideas with the cooperation of others
8. To exercise my imagination and creativity



## Happy November From CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY MINISTRIES!!!!

In this season of thanks we are thankful for the wonderful preschool families that fill the courtyard, classrooms, playground, and parking lot with exuberant joy each weekday at WPC. We would love to have you join us on Sunday Mornings. We have Sunday School at both the 10:00 am and 11:15 am service and childcare all morning.

Westminster Presbyterian Church is celebrating its 40th Anniversary with a weekend full of Fun, Faith, and Friends. Saturday Night, November 15<sup>th</sup> will be an evening of 60's Music, Food and a Retro Car Show. Canned or boxed Manna item is your entry fee. The celebration will continue on Sunday, Nov 16<sup>th</sup> with Jubilant Worship celebrating God's Faithfulness at 8:30, 10, and 11:15 services.

The Christmas season is just around the corner and you don't want to miss the Family Advent Celebration and wreath making on Sunday, Nov 30<sup>th</sup>. And the Bethlehem Experience on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. You and your family are not only encouraged to visit Bethlehem, but to come and be in the village. Sign-ups are taking place now. Information can be found on the courtyard or you can contact our office for more information. If you would like to hear more about WPC, contact me by phone at (818)889-1491 x28 or e-mail at [julie@wpcwestlake.org](mailto:julie@wpcwestlake.org).

Grace and Peace, Julie Sexton, Director of Children's and Family Ministries