

Mother's Day Out Plus
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MDO
9:00am-2:00pm

MDO Plus
7:15am-5:00pm

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Newsletter

February 2017

Director's Corner

Parents,

Happy Valentine's Day!!
Apparently Mr. Groundhog saw his shadow which means 6 more weeks of winter but I haven't seen much of a winter yet so maybe there is still hope for some snow. In the event of inclement weather, stay tuned to the news (KNWA), email and Facebook for closing information. If Rogers Public Schools are closed, MDO is closed as well.

MDO has applied for Level 2 in Better Beginnings, which is a state accreditation above DHS and we had our first assessment done and did better than expected. This assessment was based mostly on administrative and overall program procedures. We have lots of things to still work on and some are already in the works to get a higher score on our next assessment. Our classrooms will be assessed in the coming months. If scores come back high enough on those, we will achieve Level 2 status. Level 2 status would mean another tax credit for our families, more information about your child's development and ways it can be enhanced. For information on Better Beginnings, check out the blurb on the next page for their website.

Registration for summer and fall starts in just a couple of weeks. It's hard to believe we are already thinking about the summer and next fall. Current families can begin registering on February 27th. It is first come first serve so be sure to turn in your registration form early. You MUST register for summer and/or fall if you are planning to attend even if

you are already enrolled currently at MDO. Your registration does not carry over. Any remaining spots for summer and fall will become open to the public on March 6th. Be sure to tell your friends. Projections are already looking like we will be FULL in the fall!! I would hate for you to miss getting a spot. There is a tuition credit for referring families that sign up. Registration forms will be available on the website the weekend prior to February 27th as well as at MDO.

MDO's Facebook page and website are a great away to stay informed about what is happening at MDO. Check out the interactive calendar on our website along with information about our program, staff, and useful resources. Follow us on Facebook and be sure to add the google calendar to your schedule to always know what is going on at MDO.

As always my door is open, please feel free to come by if there is ever a question, problem, or just to say hello.

Thank you for sharing your children with us!

Amy

Child Safety Recalls...

As a licensed facility we are required to keep up with all child safety recalls for toys, equipment, etc. If you would like to check out the recalls you can view them online at www.childproductsafety.com

Dates to Remember

February 10th-Special Valentine's PNO

February 14th- Valentine's Day

February 15th- Tuition Due/Automatic Withdrawal Done

February 17th -23rd-Scholastic Book Fair

February 20th- RPS CLOSED/MDO OPEN

February 27th-March 3rd- Summer and Fall Registration for Currently Enrolled MDO Families

March 3rd- PNO

March 6th-10th- Registration for Summer/Fall for public begins

March 14th-15th- Spring Pictures

March 20th-24th-SPRING BREAK-MDO CLOSED

March 31st- PNO

April 27th- 8th Annual End of Year Dinner and Silent Auction Fundraiser

April 28th- NO SCHOOL-RPS and MDO CLOSED

February Birthdays



5th– Sammie Butler
9th– Gwendolyn Land
11th– Ms. Erin
12th– Ms. Chelsea
14th–Gracie Moss
18th– Piper Doss
20th– Cole Leslie
24th– Haddie Smith

REMINDER LATE CHARGES...

MDO hours are 9:00am to 2:00pm
MDO Plus hours are 7:15am-5:00pm

Our late fee charge is \$3 per minute per child you are late picking up after 2pm or 5pm.

These charges will be added to your next bill

Please call if your child is going to be late coming to school or if you are going to be late picking up your child.

We have adopted a PIG...

Why you might ask?? This pig's home is the NORTHWEST ARKANSAS FOOD BANK. When we have filled him with our loose change, he will be returned to the Food Bank to provide food for those in need in our community.

Every dollar we put into our pig will buy 5 meals for the hungry in our community. You can help!! Each time you come to MDO, empty some of your loose change and
FEED THE PIG!

Let's help fight hunger in our community!!

Remember...CHANGE makes a difference!!!



SCHOLASTIC

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
coming to MDO
February 17th-23rd

FUMC Parlor

All kids will go outside every day weather permitting. On extreme cold days, outside time will be limited or spent partly inside.

Please make sure your child has an extra change of clothes, season appropriate, at school. This should include a shirt, pants, underwear or panties, socks and an extra pair of shoes.

****DON'T FORGET A WEATHER APPROPRIATE COAT****

Parents' Night Out

OPEN TO MDO/MDO PLUS FAMILIES

March 3rd

March 31st

5:30pm-9:30pm,

\$20 per child (dinner included)

Ages: 6 months-5th grade

Sign-up sheet for each date will be posted the week prior to PNO. Don't miss it!!

PNO will be CANCELLED if there are not enough signed up.



Let's get back in the groove of things....

Per licensing, your child **MUST** have the following: a lunch following USDA guidelines **WITH** icepack, a full change of clothes, sheet **AND** blanket for nap everyday your child attends MDO.

If your child does not have the above things when they are at MDO and we have to provide them, there will be a \$5 charge to your account. Because we are a state licensed program, these items are essential to avoid any bad reports from licensing.

Please remember to **LABEL** everything!! This includes sippy cups, pacifiers, shoes, sheets/blankets, lunch containers. Label stations are located outside each classroom for your convenience.

Join us...

Worship Opportunities at FUMC:



Sunday Services are at 8:15 am & 10:30 am in the Sanctuary.

Weekly Wednesday night dinner begins at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall and is open to anyone.



better beginnings

EVERY CHILD DESERVES OUR BEST

We have just finished our first assessment of three. We are reviewing the strengths and weaknesses of the first assessment and working on ways to enhance the quality of our program to better serve you. We ask for your continued support as we work on these weaknesses and continue to work toward Level 2!

For more information about Better Beginnings, check out the website

arbetterbeginnings.com/parents-families

PARKING

We have had some complaints about parking at drop off and pick up. Some parents are blocking areas to park or taking up multiple spots when parking. Please be mindful of other parents dropping off and how you park.



Be sure to check us out on the web @ www.fumcmdoplus.org and



Facebook at FUMCMDOPUS, Rogers AR