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A Note From Ms. Juli

Happy February everyone! Your curriculum team and I have been working on some fun stuff for February. Of course we will celebrate Valentine's Day with the traditional passing of Valentine cards. We will also take some time out to remember our loved ones and make special cards for them. Our wonderful curriculum team will be letting you know all the specifics of these activities as time gets closer.

February is Dental Health Month. The curriculum team is working on getting a dental hygienist to come in and talk to the kids about healthy teeth. I usually take advantage of this and include lessons on germs and staying healthy. Experts agree that the number one way of keeping germs away is to wash your hands. We will have some science experiments that will go along with this.

Winter is in full force. To help speed things up a little when the kids are dropped off, please take a minute to pull all their outside gear out of their tote bags. This makes it easier for Daily Notes to be stuffed and for the kids to get their shoes into their bags by themselves. The kids have all been using the poster as a guide to get their outside clothes on. I think it has really helped a lot.

Remember to tell your friends and family about our FUMCN Open House on Wed., February 10 from 10am-11:30.

Thank you all for your support for our new plans for next year. I will be meeting with Ms. Mary and other board members in the next few weeks and over the summer to finalize things. If anyone has any ideas that would work for either the 3/4 mixed-aged class or the one day of enrichment please let me know.

Have a wonderful February!

Cooperatively Yours,
Ms. Juli



From the Co-Presidents

February always seems to fly by each year. Mid-Winter Break (Feb. 22-26) takes up a week of an already short month. During the few days we have, February will be a busy month at FUMCN.

The 3's Valentine party will be on Thursday, Feb. 11th and the 4's party will be on Friday, Feb. 12th. We will also hold a babysitting night on Friday, Feb. 12th. Bring your children to FUMCN for pizza, games, crafts and movies while you spend the evening celebrating Valentine's Day with your sweetie.

FUMCN's Open House will be on Wednesday, Feb. 10th from 10-11:30am. Please spread the word to friends and neighbors who are interested in a preschool program for next year. Put up flyers at bulletin boards where you visit. FUMCN's membership grows the most through word of mouth recommendations. Make sure to turn in your enrollment application by Feb. 10th to ensure your placement for next year.

I hope that your family is enjoying this snowy winter. My kids are out sledding each morning before we venture to the bus stop. It gives me a lot of pleasure to see them having so much fun in the Michigan winter and brings back special memories from my own childhood.

Robin Hescheles (Lily 3am)

Hello from the Young Fives Class!

We've had a great January month, talking about winter, keeping warm, bears and hibernation. We visited the Matthei Botanical Gardens for the second time to see our "winter tree" and walked to the library to visit a quilt exhibit there. One Friday, we set up a tent in our room and came in our pajamas for lots of good reading time! We also went ice skating -- a great winter activity -- and visited the Chelsea Teddy Bear Company to see how teddy bears are made.

Next month, we will walk to the post office to mail some special Valentines and visit the Canton Health Exploration Station.

On Monday, Jan. 25, we had Kindergarten Preparation Night. As we begin to prepare for the Open House for next year's class, I welcome any current FUMCN families to drop by the Fives class if you have any questions about your plans for next year.

Enjoying the winter weather,
Ms. Susan

Health

Remember if you have any specific changes to your personal information (address, phone number, cell phone, emergency contact info, etc.) please contact me and let me know so I can make the appropriate changes on your child's emergency cards. It is very important that we keep this information up-to-date. FUMCN stores your contact information in a number of lists so it is important to let me know about any changes. I can thus ensure that the managers of these lists are also getting the updates. Thanks for your help and I hope everyone is having a healthy 2010.

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Curriculum

In February we focus on the heart both metaphorically and physically. First we talk about health and what it means to be healthy. We will have a visit from a pediatric dentist who can talk about oral cleaning and health. We will also talk about some things kids specifically can do to stay healthy like eating and drinking things that are good for our bodies and getting enough sleep and exercise. The 4s will also be attending a special program at the Canton Health Center specifically designed to educate kids on Health. Because the Canton Health Center is a bit of a drive and younger siblings are not allowed to come on this field trip, we encourage you to contact your classmates and carpool or plan on dropping off your student and then visiting IKEA so you don't have to make the longer trip twice.

We will of course also talk about Valentine's Day and have Valentines parties. If kids would like to make Valentines that would be great and it is often a fun activity for those cold winter days in February. We do ask though that they don't address the Valentines to individual students. It is easier if they leave envelopes blank or addressed to "My Friend" to help the process of handing them out on Valentine's Day. We will also have a chance for students to make a special Valentine for someone and mail it at a postal box. Please send an addressed, stamped envelope to school with your child the week of February 1st – 5th so they can participate in this fun activity.

We end February with thoughts of Vacation. We think warm thoughts and hope for winter to end quickly and the warmth of spring to come soon. We will have Beach Day the last day of school before mid-winter break, February 18th & 19th, so send kids in whatever beach-inspired gear they want to put on.

<h2>FUMCN Focus for February</h2>			
Curricular Themes: Health, Valentines, Under the Sea			
Numbers: 10, 9, 8	Letters: Ll, Mm, Nn	Shapes: Heart, Star	Colors: Red, Pink, Blue

Special Dates:

- February 4th & 5th – Send ONE addressed and stamped envelope to school with your child so they can send a Valentine to someone!
- February 10th – FUMCN Open House
- February 10th - 4am walking field trip. 4am class starts school in the Social Hall and pick up is on the playground as usual.
- February 11th & 12th - Valentines Parties – children may bring Valentines to pass out if they want, but please do not address them to individual students.
- February 15th – NO SCHOOL – President's Day
- February 16th & 19th – Chinese New Year – Please have students wear red on these days as it's good luck in China!
- February 17th - 4s field trip to the Canton Health Center
- February 18th & 19th Beach Day
- February 22nd – 26th - NO SCHOOL – Mid-Winter Break

Membership

FUMCN Open House is Wednesday Feb. 10, 10-11:30am.

Please spread the word that our Open House is coming up quickly! There is a field trip scheduled for the 4am class that day, so this is a great time to come in with any younger children who might be joining FUMCN and let them explore at their leisure.

Membership has applications for the 2010-2011 3's, 4's, and 5s classes available in the B room above the kids' mailboxes. If you're planning to enroll your child in FUMCN next year feel free to take one and put the completed application form in the Membership mailbox, just to the right of the 4s boxes. Keep in mind that we are happy to receive any applications before the Open House, but will only make placements by lottery after the Open House has finished. FUMCN alumni and church members have priority in the lottery; just be sure to return your completed application form on or before Wednesday, Feb. 10! Unfortunately, if an application is received after the Open House any priority is lost. Please be sure to include the \$10 application fee to your application.

If you have any friends or neighbors who are interested in FUMCN but cannot make the Open House, let them know that we are happy to give a tour at another time.

Thanks, and we look forward to seeing you there!
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FUMCN Membership co-chairs

Fundraising

Dear FUMCN Families,

We have some great events planned in the coming months. Enjoy the winter days and evenings with your preschool friends and support FUMCN at the same time. Thanks so much for your participation--all fundraising profits are needed to support our wonderful school!

Babysitting Night Friday, February 12--Drop off your kids for a fun dinner and movie at FUMCN and enjoy an evening out with your sweetie. Babysitting night will run from 5:30 to 9:00pm. The cost will be \$15 per child, \$35 per family, with additional contributions gladly accepted. Registration forms will be available online and will be distributed at FUMCN.

To make this event successful, we need several FUMCN parents to volunteer to help with the babysitting! Please contact Robyn Bishop (robynlbishop@comcast.net) if you are able to help.

Please keep your eye out for future FUMCN FUNraisers. We have more ideas that may appear in your child's tote bag soon, including:

- **Restaurant Night at Bagger Dave's in February, date TBD.**
- **Music with Noah Haiduc-Dale and friends on Sunday afternoon March 14 at 3:00 p.m.**—Join our own Noah Haiduc-Dale, father of Asher (3am), for an afternoon of family friendly music, possibly followed by a restaurant night at Buffalo Wild Wings.

Thanks again for your continued support,

Susan Courtright (Corinne 3am) and Robyn Bishop (Derek 3am)

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FUMCN Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Tuition Due	2	3 6-9pm Maintenance	4 3's Bring Addressed/ Stamped Envelope	5 4's Bring Addressed/ Stamped Envelope	6
7 7pm Board Meeting	8	9	10 10am-11:30am Open House 4am Walking Field Trip	11 3's Valentine's Day Party	12 4's Valentine's Day Party	13
14 No School - President's Day	15 3's Chinese New Year Celebration	16 4's Field Trip to Canton Health Center	17 3's Beach Day	18 4's Chinese New Year Celebration 4's Beach Day	19	20
21 No School - Mid-Winter Break	22 No School - Mid-Winter Break	23 No School - Mid-Winter Break	24 No School - Mid-Winter Break	25 No School - Mid-Winter Break	26 No School - Mid-Winter Break	27
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Looking ahead...

February, Date TBD: Restaurant Night at Bagger Dave's

Monday, March 8: No School

Sunday, March 14: Music with Noah Haiduc-Dale and friends