



## March 2019

### University City United Church Preschool Newsletter

- **Picture Day- Wed., Mar 6 & Th., Mar 7**
- **Open House - Wed, March 13 (evening event) 5-7:30pm**
- **Spring Break- Mon., Mar 25-Mar. 29 (school closed all week)**
- **Summer School Registration Begins- Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**
- **Save the Date- Sat. April 13 "Family Yoga" 10am**

#### **Picture Day**

##### **Wed. March 6 & Thurs. March 7**

Each year we have Tom Shugrue come to do individual and group photos of the children. He does excellent work and spends extra time to ensure that he gets a good photo of each child. His patience is amazing. You are requested to pay in advance, but if he is not able to get a good photo, you will receive your money back. He also takes a class photo of each group and you have the option of ordering just that photo.

Please return the completed envelope with payment. Envelopes are attached to this newsletter. Envelopes may be returned next week Monday or Tuesday.

If you do not turn in an envelope by photo day, your child's individual photo will not be taken, but he or she will be in the class photo. So, please dress your child appropriately. Teachers plan activities based on the knowledge that children will be dressed up that day.

#### **2019 Summer School Sessions**

Week 1- June 4-6	Week 4 June 25-27
Week 2 - June 11-13	Week 5 July 9-11
Week 3- June 18-20	Week 6 July 16-18

Weekly sessions will run on Tues, Wed, & Thurs from 9 am to 12 noon. Summer school registration will begin Monday, April 2 and run through Friday April 6 for priority. After that, it will do done on first come first served basis.

#### **Update on Come & Play Event**

This year we hosted our first UCUC Preschool "Come & Play" event.

This event was for UCUC students and their parents to come and play in our outdoor classroom. Many families took advantage of this wonderful opportunity to play, learn and explore our new outdoor space.

From his book "Oh Boy", Frances Walrdle, Ph.D., writes about the importance of the preschool years as a time when children need to master social competence. This comes from a well-designed program with well-trained nurturing staff. The preschool years should not be focused on academics. A child's early learning years should be focused on play, classroom community, exploration of the arts, movement, and extensive use of the outdoors.



**UCUC Preschool  
Open House  
March 13 - Wednesday**

Please join us for our annual Open House on Wednesday, March 13. There are two sessions, so it won't be too crowded.

We invite families of children in Ms. Goolsby's & Miss Allison's Class and Ms. Tally's class to come from 5:00 to 6:00 pm.

Mrs. Frasier's' Class and Mrs. Lynch's Classes are invited to come from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

If you are a family who has children in more than one class, you may bring both children to either of the two sessions. (Example: You decide the 5:00 to 6:00 pm session works best for your family, you may bring both your child who is in Ms. Goolsby's class and your child who is in Mrs. Lynch's class to that session and not attend the later session, or vice versa.) All teachers will be here the entire evening, so you will have an opportunity to visit with them at either or both sessions.

Each session will start with an exploration of the indoor classroom. There will be activities out for you and your child to experience.

Following the indoor exploration, light refreshments will be provided. We ask that parents please bring refreshments. There will be a sign-up sheet on the sign-in table. Refreshments should be finger-foods. Some children may not have had dinner, so please use your best judgment in deciding what to bring. We suggest nutritious snacks!

Parents, siblings, grandparents, and other relatives and friends are welcome to attend. We will probably have from 100-150 people in each group. The preschool will provide the beverages. Thank you so much for your support with this event. Hope to see you there!

**Schema Theory  
Presented at Open House**

Have you ever noticed how children love to climb EVERYTHING, hide in boxes, and throw or drop random items? This is all part of their learning process. This process is referred to as Schemas.

Schemas are patterned behaviors which are repeated allowing children to explore and develop their play through their thoughts and ideas. You can think of them as an *urge* a child has to do something.

We learn about what children are interested in by observing them and how they play. Schemas are natural aspects of child development and play for children. This helps us understand why some children are so persistent and determined to have things a particular way. By understanding these urges we can better provide appropriate outlets and ways for children to further expand their learning.

We look forward to sharing more about this theory at Open House through documentation of your children displaying their Schemas exploring UCUC Preschool.

**Save the Date for "Family Yoga"  
at UCUC Preschool  
Saturday, April 13 at 10:00-10:45am**

Bring a yoga mat or beach towel for our family yoga day. Children & parents will participate in breathing exercises, simple child friendly yoga poses and a "yoga story".  
(A donation of \$5-\$10 is suggested)



**Happy St. Patrick's Day!**