



# March 2018

## UNIVERSITY CITY UNITED CHURCH PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Book Fair & Parent Coffee In the Courtyard-  
Wed., Feb 28: 8:00- 10:00 & Thur., Mar. 1 11:00-2:00**

- **Picture Day- Wed., Mar 7 & Th., Mar 8**
- **Open House – Tues., March 20 (evening event)**
- **Spring Break- Mon., Mar 26-Mar. 30 (school closed all week)**
- **Summer School Registration begins April 2**

### Picture Day

Each year we have Tom Shugrue come to do individual and group photos of the children. He does excellent work and spends the time to ensure that he gets a good photo of each child. I have seen him spend 15 minutes with a single 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. You can return your envelope with payment. You should have already received your pink envelope. If not, see Mrs. Ries or Ms. Tracy. 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.

### Spring Book Fair

**Wednesday, Feb 28th - 8:00am-10:00am  
Thursday, Mar 1st – 11:00am-2:00pm**

University City United Church Preschool is pleased to announce our Spring Book Fair with Usborne Books & More! Your family will FALL IN LOVE with these engaging, brain-boosting books. These are not your everyday books... some books can be read with a flashlight to reveal hidden images while others have an interactive element like a flap to open or captivating illustrations to keep children engaged and wanting to read more. Usborne generously gives 50% of retail sales back to us in FREE books for our classrooms too!!

Join us in welcoming the best-selling publisher, Usborne Books & More, to UCUC Preschool.

### 2018 Summer School Sessions

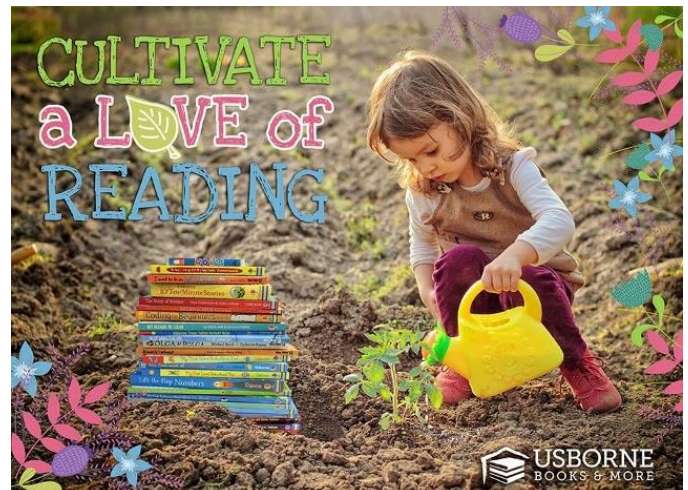
**Week 1– June 5- 7  
Week 2 – June 12 -14  
Week 3- June 19-21**

**Week 4 June 26-28  
Week 5 July 10-12  
Week 6 July 17-19**

Weekly sessions will run on Tues, Wed, & Thurs from 9 am to 12 noon. There is no extended care in summer school and no school in August as that is the time we do maintenance and cleaning of the preschool facility.

Summer school has a limited number of children per session. Currently enrolled children have priority. Siblings and new students will be enrolled if space permits. If many parents select the same session, we will use a lottery system. However, we will make every effort to place children in the weeks you selected.

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.



## **UCUC Preschool**

### **Open House**

**March 20 – Tuesday**

Please join us for our annual Open House on Tuesday, March 20 There are two sessions, so it won't be too crowded.

We invite families of children in Ms. Sharon's Class, Miss Allison's Class and Mrs. Janina's class to come from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. The children will sing songs at 5:10 pm.

Mrs. Frasier's' Class and Mrs. Lynch's Classes are invited to come from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. This group will sing at 6:40 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. Sharon's class and your child who is in Mrs. Frasier'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.

Please be prompt so your child won't miss the singing—which is a very important part of the evening. They have been practicing their songs for several weeks and are so proud to show what they have learned. You won't want to miss it either.

Following the singing, 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!

## **Positive Discipline**

Per the article from Positive Discipline, many parents complain that their children do not listen, but few parents really listen to their children. Parents and teachers tend to 1) React and correct and 2) Fix and rescue.

Both take responsibilities from the child and put it in hands of adults. Here are tools for better listening.

1. Validate your child's feelings.
2. Ask curiosity questions. (Can you tell me what happened? Do you want to talk about it?)
3. Invite deeper sharing (Anything else you want to say?)
4. Listen with your lips closed (this is the hard part for fixers).
5. Have faith in your child; understand your child may need to vent much like adults. Allow him or her time to suggest his or her own solutions.

Through above processes your child learns resiliency (I can deal with the ups and downs of life) and capability (I can survive getting upset and figure out solutions).

## **Important Tax Information**

UCUC Preschool's Tax ID number is 95-2315014. Please email Tracy If you need to request receipts, allow us a week or two to get receipts ready for you. Thank you for understanding.

## **Enrollment for Fall 2018**

We still have openings for the 2018-2019 school year. Please spread the word.

Your recommendations do more than any other form of advertising.

Thank You!



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