



Mom's Day Out Times *October 2011*

Mom's Day Out is a ministry of First Free Church dedicated to providing support for mothers of young through quality, Christ-centered child care.

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MDO Prayer Box

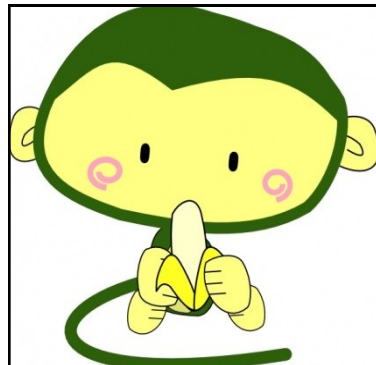
We are so honored to be getting to know your children! As staff gets to know your families, we are hoping you would allow us the privilege to pray for praises and hardships happening in your lives. We have seen how God has already answered many prayers for your children regarding the adjustment to MDO. You will be amazed at all that God can do when 30 MDO staff lift up prayers to our heavenly Father. Just jot down your requests and put them in our Prayer Box on the MDO counter. Thank you for allowing us to see God at work through our prayers for your family.

COURAGEOUS CHIMPS ARE "SPYING" A GOOD YEAR!

Apples, pumpkins, falling leaves and cider doughnuts, the sights and smells of our changing season are all around us to welcome in October. There are changes in the Chimps Room, too. Our little monkeys are becoming more courageous as they get used to the routine here at MDO and feel more comfortable. The first days are behind us and the tears have turned to smiles as they make new friends and realize that school is fun, that they **do** go home shortly after lunch and are proud of their crafts. We have been to the big gym and the playground where they had a great time on the jungle gym slides.

Our Open House in September was a great success with many parents attending! Thank you all for coming, getting to know us a little and especially for reading and following the suggestions in our welcome handout. Calvin,, Kate and Jameson had a great time picking out the best spot on our apple tree to pin their apple nametag on the first day of school. During last month we learned about God creating our wonderful world and also had fun hearing how Noah built the Ark and obeyed God's plan for him and his family. We finish our series on Noah as we talk about God's promise this month and also learn about Joseph and his brothers. At the end of October we will be making silly hats and colorful coats to wear in a parade in the building.

Speaking of colors, thank you for using our color coded baskets for lunches as you drop off your little one. It is very helpful as we set out lunches and snacks for the day and the children are learning to find their basket as we clean up. In September we were focusing on the color **red** and the shape of a **circle**. This month ask your child to help you find things that are **orange** or shaped like a **square** as you go through the grocery store. "I Spy" is our favorite game. Bountiful Blessings from the Chimps Teachers!



MDO GOES PAPERLESS

MONTHLY REGISTRATIONS AT MDO:

Are you aware of your options for registering each month at MDO? You all should have received a blue half sheet of paper with your registration packet that explains 3 registration options:

1. Registering online the 1st week of each month.
2. Filling out a registration form each month at the MDO Hut
3. Being automatically registered for all of your regular days (i.e. all Mondays, all Fridays or all days). This will be done if no registration is received. With this option, there can be no "special requests" regarding days you want to add or take off. You will be responsible for payment for all these days.

With all of the above options, you will receive an e-mail confirmation the 2nd week of each month, showing you the dates you have registered for and the amount due on the first day you attend in November. If you would prefer to receive your confirmation on paper, please let Patti know.

WATCH YOUR E-MAIL!

All MDO communication will be done through e-mail. Please let your child's teacher know if you would prefer to receive this information on paper instead. Otherwise, remember to check your e-mail to stay up-to-date on Mom's Day out happenings!

SAFETY TOP CONCERN AT MDO

No Parking Please



Just a reminder that we can't have cars parked where there is a yellow curb. This is a "No Parking" area even if you do not see a sign. Children running out from parked cars can be extremely dangerous. MDO staff will continue to park in the back rows of the lot to free up the close spots for you. Please remember that safety is our main concern with this request.

Locked Doors



As many of you are already aware, the Mulford Doors (marked B) will be locked every MDO day from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. If you should need to enter the building during that time, please use the south doors by our bell tower / overhang (marked A). Again, safety is our main concern here as well!

Can You be Reached During Moms Day Out?



All of you have been signing your child in each day and including a number "where you can be reached in case of an emergency". PLEASE, PLEASE remember that we need to be able to get a hold of you at this number – not an answering machine!!! If something were to happen to your child, it is imperative for us to talk to a parent immediately. Do not give us your cell phone number if you are not going to have it with you during these 4 hours. Taking care of your children is our top priority. When we have a sick or hurt child, staff needs to know that a parent is just a phone call away. MDO can be reached through our church office at 877-7046. You may ask for Patti (Extension 272) or have her paged by the operator. Again, please leave a phone number where we can reach either yourself or someone who can come and pick up your child. Thanks so much for your help.



Happenings This Month

OCTOBER AT MOM'S DAY OUT



Tumbili Days!

If your child is in the Chimps, Fish, Lions, Giraffes or Mice, they will be going to the playground 10/7, 10/17, 10/28 & 10/31! Please be sure that your child wears socks for these days.



Friday, October 14 ~ Fall Festival

The kids will get to enjoy games, stories and crafts at our fall festival! Ask about what they learn.



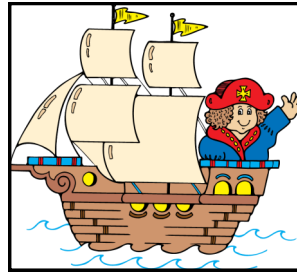
Friday, October 21 ~ Special Visitor

"Sarah" will be visiting the Chimps, Fish, Lions, Giraffes & Mice classes to her amazing story and her Love for God.



Monday, October 31 ~ Silly Hat Day

All children are invited to get a little silly and wear a silly hat, colorful hat, favorite hat or create a hat with your child! *~No Halloween costumes at MDO please~*



**Monday,
October 10th is
Columbus Day!**

**NO MOMS DAY
OUT!**



Tumbili House Visits Have Begun!

Tumbili House is First Free's indoor playground, and your child will be visiting it 2-3 times each month. When classes go to the playground socks are REQUIRED. There are socks available should a child not have them on; however, it is preferred that you send your child to Mom's Day Out with socks on that day. Each newsletter will have the days of the month the children will be visiting Tumbili. Please make sure that your child is wearing socks or has a pair of socks in his/her backpack. Thank you!



Your Toys are Needed!

Toy donations appreciated! We have already had several MDO families donate toys to our program this summer, but we are still looking for some specific items: swings (for the baby room), dolls, trucks, wooden puzzles, strollers (hard, plastic-type), Little People, Rescue Heroes, and sweat pants (size 2-4). Many thanks to those who have contributed!

FIRST FREE CHURCH INVITES MDO FAMILIES

First Free Fun Fair!

**Save the date:
November 10**

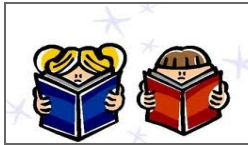
**More info.
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our website
at**

www.firstfreerockford.org



Fall Reading Program

October is all about reading at Mom's Day Out! Check your child's backpack for information on our reading incentive program sponsored by The Scroll bookstore. We would love to have all of our MDO children participate in our "Fall Into Reading" program this month. There are so many benefits to reading aloud to your young child from promoting language development to improving academic success later in life. You have the entire month of October to read 20 books to your child. Enjoy this special time together!



The Scroll Bookstore

In a hurry and need a little gift? Come check out The Scroll's selection of coffee mugs, jewelry, home décor, kids games, baby gifts and more! Or save a trip to Target and buy a greeting card at The Scroll! Located at the west entrance (main doors near the Bell Tower). Hours: Monday - Thursday 9 am - 2 pm, Wednesday 5:30- 8:30 pm and Sunday 8 am- 12 pm.

Book Ordering Form Coming Soon

Keep an eye out for our new "Just For Kids" Book Club coming soon! Parents, you'll have an opportunity to purchase select books at discount prices for your children. Start thinking about Christmas or those long winter days at home! We'll send out a flyer in October including a sample of the top selling books and DVDs. There will be a larger selection in The Scroll Bookstore as well!



Trunk or Treat

**October 31
6:30-8:00 pm**

40 festively decorated trunks!

FREE ADMISSION

Kids can "Trunk or Treat" from car to car in a safe, kids-friendly environment.

- * Loads of candy! *
- * Fun for the whole family! *
- * Live music! *
- * Inflatable attractions for kids! *
- * PRIZE DRAWINGS *

QUESTIONS?

Call Children's Ministries
(815) 877-7046

NOTE: Please be considerate of young children who may be frightened by scary costumes and masks.



MOPS meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, September through May from 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Meetings are held in the Fellowship Hall. There is a childcare program (Moppets) provided through Children's Ministries. A childcare policy is in place so moms can be free to learn and grow in Christ knowing that their children are being well cared for.