



Mom's Day Out Times

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

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MDO CHIMP STAFF WISHES YOU A HEALTHY & HAPPY 2012!



Snowflakes falling on the ground, icicles glistening all around, the silent softness in the frigid air makes me feel as if God is standing there with outstretched arms to show He cares. It's January and the blankets of snow are covering the ground as if giving us a fresh start to a brand new year. It reminds me of God's gift of salvation and the cleansing of our sins. It is also a time when I enjoy seeing the tiny little footsteps alongside the larger ones as they approach the doors of MDO. Thank you for bringing your precious little one to learn and grow as they enjoy playing with their friends in the Courageous Chimps Room.



The Chimps class practice for our Christmas Program!

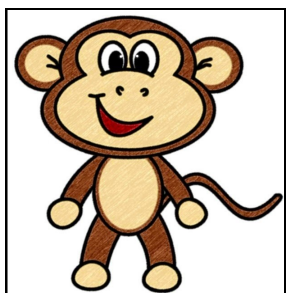
This month we will be learning more about Moses and about the early life of Jesus. We will have lots of winter fun in our room playing in the "snow" and "ice" and during the Winter Festival in the big gym. Our color this month is blue and the shape you can look for is an oval.

We had a great time in December with all of the excitement of the Christmas Program, carols around the tree and all the wonderful cookies that many of you provided. I hope you enjoyed the program, the children were adorable in their special outfits and I was very proud of them (they were even better during rehearsal). Hope

you got some cute pictures. Thank you for coming and for your gifts of love and cookies.

We are sad to have to say goodbye this month to Jameson. He and his family are moving and we will definitely miss his sweet smile and personality. We would like to welcome two new students to our class. Ali and Garret will be joining us in the Chimps jungle.

This month we start celebrating Special Days (summer birthdays). A list will be coming home and a chart will be posted to remind you. You are welcome to bring a treat that day (please remember our peanut free policy).



Happy New Year from the Chimps Room!

Debbie, Katie & Paula

**SPECIAL WELCOME TO:
Garrett & Ali**

So, was your Christmas as peaceful and joyful as you had hoped? Or are you now looking at a lot of empty boxes, toy assembly instructions, and random stickers to some unknown gifts? Do you remember how just a few months ago we were focusing on how we were thankful for everything! Are you and your family truly content as the year of 2012 begins?

Don't you think it's odd that in December we are running around telling everyone to be merry, giving gifts, having parties, but then just one month later we are writing a list of all the things we'd like to change about ourselves, how this year will be better, and you won't make the

same mistakes again. Did the way you behaved in December need to be changed?

Well, changes need to come for all of us. We look forward to changes, especially with our children: walking, sleeping through the night, potty-training!!! For me, 2011 brought different changes: my oldest daughter got married, my youngest daughter got engaged & my son headed off to college! Other changes might not be so welcomed: job changes, clothing sizes, moving, (not to mention returning gifts). But some changes are out of our control: deaths, illnesses, families separating.

As I'm sure you have heard more than once: God is never changing-He is CONSTANT!

"I the Lord do not change" Malachi 3:6

So what about you, are you willing to change? But this time make it a permanent change-a change that will affect your entire life as well as those closest to you. Make Jesus the center of life. The other changes won't seem so overwhelming!

Have a Truly Life-Changing Year!

Patti Clauson
Director, Mom's Day Out

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Happenings This Month



Friday, Jan 13th ~ Pajama Day

All children are invited to wear their pajamas for a fun day of lounging and learning in our jammies!



Tumbili Playground ~ Please wear socks!

Mondays... 9th & 23rd
Friday..... 20th

Children in all of our MDO classes except Caterpillar & Butterfly will visit Tumbili on these days.



Friday, Jan 23rd ~ Winter Wonders

All children in the Chimps, Fish, Lions, Giraffes & Mice will have special winter festivities with Teacher Keri in the gym.

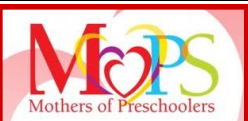


MLK Jr's Birthday
Mon, Jan 16th
No Mom's Day Out



Mom's Day Out welcomes the following children and their families to our program:

- Dillon & Leandro** in the Caterpillar Class
- Garrett & Ali** in the Chimps Class
- Sophia & Noah** in the Fish Class



Tuesday, January 10th

Heather Dellamater will be speaking about contentment.

Tuesday, January 24th

Judi Hayes will be talking about healthy, low-budget meal planning.
Contact Laura Nothnagel 815-708-7575, mrsreading@yahoo.com for more info.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

to all the families who generously brought Christmas cookies for our Christmas program. We were very thankful to all of you who came and so warmly showed your support to our program. Your children did such a great job! What a great way to end 2011!

Check out the new pictures on the MDO bulletin board behind the MDO counter!

Welcome Back Keri!



We are so happy to have Keri Early back at Moms Day Out. She has been out on maternity leave after having Baby Samuel in October. Make sure to tell her "Hi" and ask to see pictures of this handsome boy:)

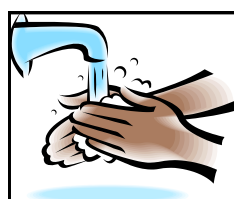
During these winter months, the flu and colds are so easily spread. MDO wants to keep our program as germ-free as possible. Please review the basics of the MDO Health-Wellness Policy.

Mom's Day Out Health-Wellness Policy

Any child on antibiotics should have been on the prescription for **at least 24 hours** before coming to MDO.

Please keep your child home if any of the following symptoms are present. Parents will also be called if any of these symptoms occur at MDO:

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| <i>Fever within the last 24 hrs</i> | <i>Diarrhea</i> |
| <i>Impetigo</i> | <i>Active chicken pox</i> |
| <i>Coughing</i> | <i>Vomiting</i> |
| <i>Mumps & Measles</i> | <i>Questionable rashes</i> |
| <i>Conjunctivitis (pink eye)</i> | <i>Runny nose (not clear)</i> |



Please don't forget to continue to wash your child's hands before entering the classroom for the day. This is an excellent way to help prevent the spread of germs. Thank you!



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