

Parent Orientation

First United Methodist Preschool

August 20, 2019

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year!

Founded 1979

Texas Rising Star Certified School

Named as Austin Monthly's Top 10 School



NAC Accreditation

NATIONAL ACCREDITATION COMMISSION
for Early Care and Education Programs

*An Accreditation Program
Committed to Excellence*

Thank you for choosing FUMP

Parents as first teachers

Children come to FUMP from enriched home lives, with exposure to so many concepts, ideas, literacy and experiences.

Discover.

Create.

Connect

- We embrace children's natural curiosity and enhance it with experiences to learn about the world around them
- Children are active learners. We provide environments and experiences to develop creativity and imagination through experimentation, exploration, and expression.
- Our low ratios allow for deeper connections from child to teacher, child to child, and child to the learning environment. We observe each child's natural development and build curriculum around their specific interests and abilities.

FUMP Philosophy

Child Centered, Developmental Program.

Children's experiences and development are our top priority. When we make decisions about curriculum, policies, procedures, we focus on what will the child experience, and how can we best support their development.

FUMP Philosophy

Child Development Model

- Study of human development over all of the domains of learning.
- Child move through a predictable sequence of development: Infants roll, sit, crawl, pull up and walk.

Each stages is unique and children are supported as they move through it.

FUMP Philosophy

Why is this beneficial?

Research on child development and brain development shows that children mature in a predictable sequence of events and earlier development evens out by early elementary school

And we support children's development through each domain
THROUGH PLAY.

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First United Methodist
PRESCHOOL





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We focus on blocks of deep play for children's explorations of learning centers.

- 60-90 minutes of center time

- Increased outdoor playtime by using two playgrounds

- Sensory/STEM focus on playground

Play

The diagram is a 2x2 grid with a central white box containing the word 'Play'. The four quadrants are colored green, red, yellow, and blue, each representing a different domain of development. The green quadrant (top-left) lists physical development benefits. The red quadrant (top-right) lists cognitive development benefits. The yellow quadrant (bottom-left) lists social development benefits. The blue quadrant (bottom-right) lists emotional development benefits.

Physical Development

Strong, healthy bodies
Coordination
Stress Management
Agility
Physical Confidence
Gross and fine motor

Cognitive Development

Scientific and mathematical thinking
Language skills
Literacy skills
Research and inquiry skills
Independent thinking
Problem Solving

Social Development

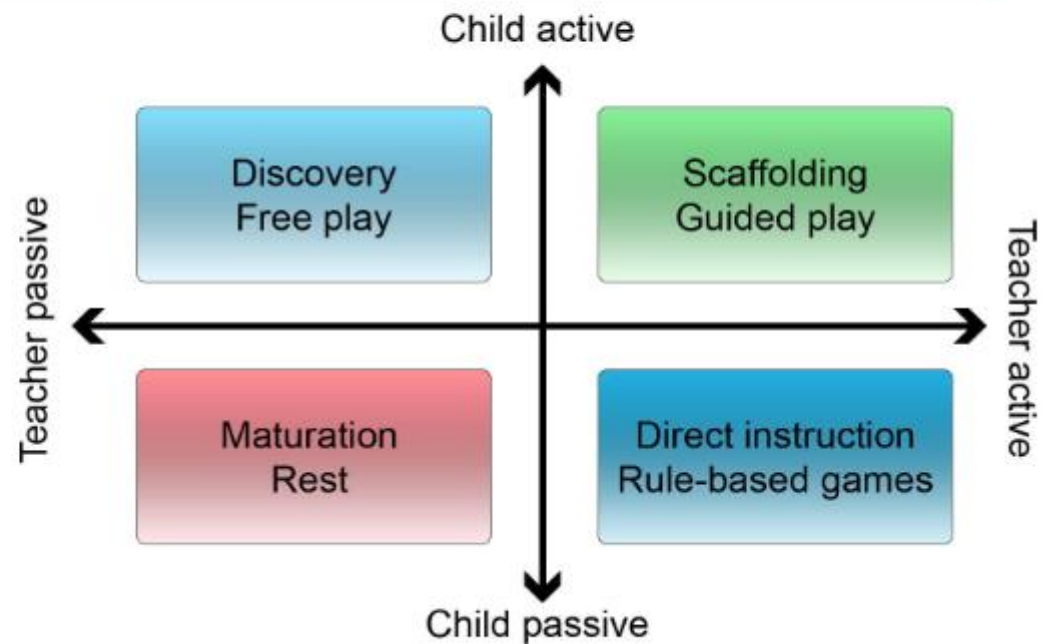
Cooperation
Collaboration
Negotiation
Rules formation
Conflict Resolutions
Joining and leaving play

Emotional Development

Empathy
Impulse Control
Self-Regulation
Persistence
Resilience
Self-Confidence

Prioritize Play

- Respect for play
- Place to play
- Time to play



The teachers role

Vygotsky and the Zone of Proximal Development –

The zone between what the child can do naturally and the new skill/understanding that can be reached with assistance.



What you see in a FUMP classroom.

Learning centers set up for children to explore materials, allows for repetition and skill building.

Group time occurs daily which includes reading, introduction of concepts, attention span, music and movement.

Older groups – more formal, scheduled time.

Younger groups – informally as teachers read group dynamics for signs of attentiveness.

What makes FUMP unique?

Child centered policies

- Low student to teacher ratio
- Saying Goodbye
- Responsive Care for Infants/Young Toddlers
- Toilet Learning
- Arrival and Departure in our classrooms – walking children into the building, cell phones are discouraged.

Saying Goodbye

Parents will be called to pick up their children after 30 minutes of sustained crying and we ask that you pick up within 30 minutes of that call.

We will gradually extend the day as your child settles in. In most cases, it is four days or less, or in rare cases, up to 10 days to adjust to a new classroom setting.

What makes FUMP unique?

- Curriculum is designed and selected by teachers based on two things:
 - Children's current developmental levels
 - Children's current interests

Ages and Stages Questionnaire

What makes FUMP unique?

Our urban location:

- The Capitol Grounds,
- The Capitol Rotunda

Our downtown neighbors:

- The Austin Public Library
- The Austin Nature Center
- Austin Fire Department

Our fine arts community

- Zachary School Theater
- Scottish Rite Theater
- Texas Memorial Museum

Parent Communication

New email addresses

katrina@fumcaustin.org

adrian@fumcaustin.org

rosa@fumcaustin.org

janis@fumcaustin.org

stacy@fumcaustin.org

erin@fumcaustin.org

Parent Communication

- Seek out your child's teacher for any questions or concerns. Get clarifications on unclear matters. Give them the opportunity to hear your feedback.

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- Seek out your child's teacher
- Let us know of any changes at home
- Check our website, and social media!
 - Facebook – First United Methodist Preschool, Downtown Austin
 - Fumpatx on Instagram

Parent Communication

Electronic Communication

- ENews – weekly email blasts and website archive.
- [School Calendar Online](#) – Calendar has the same holidays as AISD, but some inservice closures are unique to FUMP.
- [Sandbox Parent Portal](#) – Billing, Pick Ups, Tax Receipts.
- Remind Text Alert System

Parent Communication

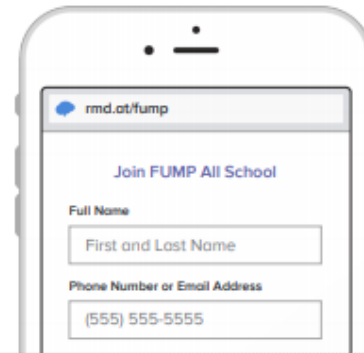
Pick a way to receive messages for **FUMP All School**:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/fump

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message **@fump** to the number **81010**.

If you're having trouble with **81010**, try texting **@fump** to (254) 870-6209.

* Standard text message rates apply.



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Family Connections

- Parent Volunteer Committee
- Save the date for our picnic – Friday, September 13 at noon. Tuesday/Thursday families – please join us!
- Music Festival – Friday, February 7

Safety and Security

- Emergency Preparedness Plan
- Code for our Colorado Street Doors
 - Press 1 & 3, then 2
 - Adults only please!
- Authorized Release of children. Please send all new individuals to the preschool office with identification.
- Security Codes. Use a # after your PIN to enter. Sometimes, the codes must be tried twice.

Parking at FUMP

Thanks and appreciation to all of our parents.

- Double parking is encouraged and use of church business spaces
- Metered spaces on Colorado Street.
- CapMetro stop on Lavaca

FUMP Staff Spaces



Church Staff Spaces



Trial Lawyers Spaces



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Sick Children

- Reasons to keep your child home from preschool/symptoms that send children home.

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- Ill siblings should not enter the school building.

The Preschool Office

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- Sandy – enrollment, personnel, facilities, school policies, and part-time parking officer.
Mainly in the office for doorbell, assisting guests, and more.
- Gina – invoices, payments, children's records

Other Items

- All medical forms should be in the preschool office by Wednesday, August 28.
- Please sign your child's enrollment form.
- Amazon School Rewards
- <https://www.amazon.com/?tag=firsunitmethp-20>

FUMP Board

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Sandbox Parent Portal

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Save to Home Screen

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Parent Communication

Message

