

Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock — Religious Education Program
“Butterflies” Curriculum Overview for Parents
2008–2009

- Sept 14.....**Opening of Church School** (*Intergeneration Service & Homecoming Picnic*)
Sept. 21**Make Chalices**
Sept. 28.....**Friendship / Caring**
Oct. 5**Sharing / Cooperation** (*Intergeneration Service*)
Oct. 12**Fall**
Oct. 19**Diversity** (parents join class for snack at noon; bring in their own ethnic foods)
Oct. 26**Halloween**
Nov. 2.....**Plant Flower Bulbs** (*Intergeneration Service; Daylight Saving Time ends, turn clocks back*)
Nov. 9.....**“Star Stuff”**
Nov. 16.....**Thanksgiving**
Nov. 23.....**No RE classes** (*Thanksgiving Family Service*)
Nov. 30.....**No RE classes** (*childcare available*)
Dec. 7**Hanukkah**
Dec. 14**Christmas** (*12:30 p.m. — Holiday Decorations Party*)
Dec. 21**No RE classes** (*Holiday Family Service*)
Dec. 28**No RE classes** (*childcare available*)
Jan. 4**No RE classes** (*childcare available*)
Jan. 11**Make Pinecone Birdfeeders** (*Intergeneration Service*)
Jan. 18**Famous Unitarian: Alexander Graham Bell and PARENTS SUNDAY**
(parents are invited to spend the entire morning in the classroom)
Jan. 25**Famous Unitarian: Beatrix Potter**
Feb. 1**Famous Unitarian: P.T. Barnum** (*Intergeneration Service*)
Feb. 8**Famous Unitarian: Clara Barton**
Feb. 15**No RE classes** (*childcare available*)
Feb. 22**No RE classes** (*recess program for K-6th graders*)
March 1**Body Parts: “Ears To Hear”** (*Intergeneration Service*)
March 8.....**Body Parts: “Eyes To See”** (*Daylight Saving Time begins, turn clocks ahead*)
March 15.....**Caterpillars**
March 22.....**Butterflies**
March 29.....**Passover**
April 5**Easter**
April 12**No RE classes** (*Easter Family Service, followed by Easter Egg Hunt*)
April 19**No RE classes** (*childcare available*)
April 26**Earth Day**
May 3.....**Class Photo / UU Principles Project** (*Intergeneration Service*)
May 10.....**Transition Sunday** (*Mother’s Day*)
May 17.....**Bridging Sunday Service** (*no RE classes; pre-school children sit with their parents; older children sit with their classes; Bridging Picnic follows Service*)

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Helpful Hints To Make Your Child More Comfortable in the "Butterflies" Class

Transitions. When you bring your child to the classroom, please allow enough time for him/her to make the transition from you to the group. For some children, this may only be a few seconds, for others, several minutes are necessary. We are usually in the classroom by 10:30 a.m. on Sunday morning, so if your child needs extra transition time, please feel free to come early. Occasionally, a parent will need to stay with his/her child for a short time in the classroom to help ease the transition. Parents are always welcome to join us.

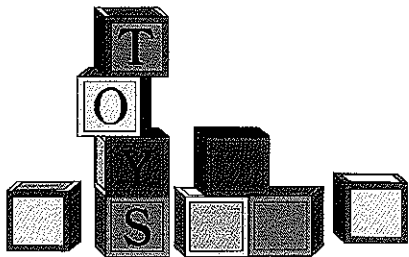
Sharing Circle. Each week, we begin our class with our "Sharing Circle." Children are encouraged to share their name and to tell us something about themselves (such as their favorite color or what they did over a vacation) or to share something brought from home (such as a book, a stuffed animal, or a toy), which should not be fragile or valuable (no action figures or guns, please).

Toilet Use. Please ask your child if he/she needs to use the toilet (there is one in our classroom and also just across the hall) when you come to class. Children often don't want to miss out on ongoing activities, so it's helpful to have them use the toilet just before class begins.

Happenings. If anything out of the ordinary, be it happy or sad, is happening in your child's life, even something as simple as a late bedtime the night before, please share that with us when you bring your child so that we can be especially sensitive to his/her needs.

Extra Clothing. If you wish to have a change of clothing in the classroom for your child in the event of an accident, please put the clothing in a small, plastic, zip-lock bag with your child's name on the outside.

On Time. Church School starts at 11 a.m. and ends at 12:30 p.m. We, and your children, appreciate your punctuality.



We look forward to a wonderful year with your children!
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