

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message from Ms. Maddy:

November is Parent/Teacher Conference time. Conferences provide a great opportunity for teachers and families to get to know each other better. They also provide an opportunity for you and your child's teacher to share information about your child and set goals to work towards in the coming months.

Each year our school has a **Community Service Project**. We collect "**PENNIES FOR TURKEYS**". This project helps bring awareness to the needs of others. *Return your pennies and spare change in a zip-lock bag.* Then placed it in the "Pennies and Spare Change For Turkeys and Collection Jar. The money raised will be given to the "Five Cities Christian Women's Food Pantry". They, in turn, will buy turkeys for families in need this holiday season. This is a great way to help others by simply donating your pennies and spare change. Watch and wait to see how Pennies can make a difference in our community.

Fall Family Survey is going out this month. We have provided two ways for you to complete it; one, as a hard copy that will be put in your Family Folder and another way is electronically through Survey Monkey, via your email and our web site. The information you provide will let us know more about you and your child's experience here at AGUMCC. Your suggestions will help us in our efforts to continually improve our program. It is our ambition to offer the best quality program for children, families, and staff. This year there was a new question about your families median income. This question is for grant writing purposes only.

We are having a virtual Yum-Raiser by selling *See's Candy for the Holidays*. You can also share this fundraiser with others via our web site or our Facebook page. This fundraiser will help us to purchase needed supplies for our program. You can start placing your orders on line November 9 through December 4. Your orders will be shipped directly to you. Order that are over \$65 are shipped for free otherwise there is a small shipping fee.

Bible Story Time

"Daniel and the Lions", from the Beginning Bible, Daniel 6:10-28.

Fruit of The Spirit: Faithfulness

Each day we reflect on God, expressing our thankfulness, as we say a simple prayer, "Thank you God for our food, and our friends, and our families. Amen." This is an act of faithfulness; children, practice daily.

Mark Your Calendar

Friday, Nov. 6 - Staff Development SCHOOL IS CLOSED AT 3:30.

It's SPIRIT DAY too! So wear your AGUMCC t-shirt!

Wednesday, Nov. 11 - SCHOOL IS CLOSED to observe Veterans Day.

Wednesday, Nov. 25 - "SCHOOL IS CLOSED AT 12:00.

Thursday & Friday, November 26 & 27 - SCHOOL IS CLOSED for Thanksgiving Break.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!

A GREAT WAY TO HELP OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY, SIMPLY BY SAVING YOUR PENNIES.

We will be collecting "pennies and spare change once again to help the "Five Cities Christian Women's Food Pantry". Since 2005 we have raised \$3,939.77. Our goal this year is to raise \$200 in pennies and spare change. Pennies can make a difference with your help. The money collected will be used to buy turkeys for others in need this holiday season.



Ms. Rebecca and Ms. Andrea's Pre-K

Hi Families,

The children have really settled down into our new Pre-K routine. They are doing well at wearing their masks and remembering to put the used toys in our used toy basket, so that they can be cleaned daily. Ms. Andrea and I have been working on assessments for the parent/teacher conferences this month. We will be putting out a survey to figure out how to set up conferences and meet the needs of our families. We look forward to hearing back from you when we get the survey distributed. The children have been liking the class Alphabet Book of Shares that we have been assembling with the pictures of the share items they have been bringing on Mondays and Tuesdays. We will be starting the month of November with the letter Gg and adding on Hh and Ii in the coming weeks. We will also be reviewing Faithfulness as we read the story of Daniel and the Lions. We look forward to seeing what else November brings! Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving Holiday!

~Ms. Rebecca

Ms. Swati and Ms. Elizabeth's Preschool

I am happy to say that the children are adjusting quite well to class routines and making new friends. The children are practicing spelling their first names using our classroom job chart, plus they are cleaning up after themselves when snack and lunch are finished. They are very proud to show their 'bubble glove' (soap lather) to their peers and teachers when washing hands, and they are learning to share materials while maintaining social distancing. With each day that passes, we see more and more independence!

The children are showing great interest in bugs, insect, and dinosaurs. They are excited to watch the caterpillars and butterflies in the backyard. They also enjoy watching the lizards crawl on the rocks in the garden. Children are enjoying digging in the sand box and burying "treasure" such as dinosaurs, shovels, and other small sand toys. Once bur-

ied, their friends excitedly find the hidden treasures. Outside in the play yards, the children are pretending to be dinosaurs and making the roaring sounds as well as playing hide and seek. They are exploring hand puppets and putting on puppet shows in addition to pulling each other in the wagon. They are also problem solving by thinking of solutions when the wagon gets stuck in the rocks.

November is a month of parent/teacher conferences. This year teachers will be contacting the families via Child Pilot to set a date and time for conferences. We will be sending the class assessment packets home for families to review. Also, we will be working on a variety of art projects like hand-print turkey placemats and collages. In addition we are also working on letter and number recognition plus cutting and tracing. We will be talking a lot about families and being thankful for the things that God has given us. Thanksgiving is a time that we can communicate respect for others and share the traditions from our various cultures.

Ms. Elizabeth and I wish you and your family a very happy and healthy Thanksgiving! ~Ms. Swati

Ms. Cindy Bo and Ms. Shirley's Toddlers

We are so blessed and excited to be back at school! I can't believe just how fast one month has flown by.

In October, the children relished in all of the sensory play activities provided. From finger painting at the easel, to feeling the sand between their fingers and toes, they have been enjoying every second of it! In the classroom they have enjoyed standing on sensory dots barefoot, exploring sponges and sudsy water while washing baby dolls, and using their hands to mold and poke their individual lumps of Playdough.

November will be a very busy month for all of us! In the classroom we will have a couple of focal points. We will be diving into the interests of the children and start discussing what we are thankful for. The kids will also be hard at work learning all about the color green, the diamond shape, and the fruit of the spirit "Faithfulness". We will also be exploring pumpkins and talk about harvesting. We look forward to our conferences with you this month, as well. We will contact you with all of the how, when, and where very soon!

As the weather changes and we enter Fall, we ask that you pack a jacket for your child daily.

We hope that everyone has a wonderfully blessed Thanksgiving with your loved ones. Be safe and have a wonderful holiday!

~Ms. Shirley

