

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message from Ms. Maddy

Thank you to everyone who participated in our "AGUMCC's Community Service Project" and gave their spare change for the Pennies for Turkeys Drive". This is a simple way to help small children understand the need of others. The **Five Cities Christian Women's' Food Pantry** also greatly appreciates your contributions and how you've brought awareness to the children about the importance of helping others. They will use the money to purchase turkeys for the Christmas Baskets, which will be given to families in in our community. Every \$1 we contributed is the equivalent of \$10.00 at the Food Pantry!



This month, each family will receive a "Family Heritage Information Sheet". This is another way we can work together to build the relationship between home and school. Please complete and return it to your child's teacher. This project will help us to learn more about your family and the traditions you may celebrate. If your family has a tradition, that you would like to share with your child's classmates, please make sure to speak to your child's teacher or message them through the Child Pilot App. We hope everyone feels welcomed and connected here as we invite you to share your traditions with us.

We are selling *See's Candy for the Holidays*. Don't stand in the long line at the store; order your see's candy Online through **SEE'S CANDY YUM-RAISING**. The last day to order is **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4**. The candy you order will be mailed directly to the address you provide. This Fundraiser will help purchase supplies for the classrooms.

Friday, December 18, we will be having a school-wide "Pajama Party". This is also a Minimum Day and School closes at 12:00 noon. There will be no lunch. School will be closed for Christmas Break December 21-25, 2020

Help spread the word!! AGUMCC is OPEN and we are enrolling children in our wonderful Preschool and Pre K program. Share about our low child to teacher ratio and the quality care we provide to children and families in our program.

To help I look forward to the New Year, fostering relationships with you, your children, and families through dedicated and talented staff.



Dates To Remember

- **Friday, December 4-** School Closes at 3:30, for Staff Development. It's **SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY!** Show your school spirit and wear your AGUMCC t-shirt.
- **Friday, December 18 - Pajama Party Day and a Minimum Day.** Children get to wear their favorite pajamas to school. School will close at 12:00 noon. (No lunch that day.)
- **Monday through Friday, December 21-25 - School is closed for Christmas Break.**
- **Friday, January 1 - School is closed for New Years Day.**

Friends of the Children's Center CAMPAIGN.

Make a difference in a child's life with a "Year End Gift" or Monthly Pledge

Your tax deductible contribution can secure the future of the AGUMCC.

Give two ways: Safe and Easy on line at <https://worshipweekly.com/giving.html>

Or mail to: AGUMCC
275 N Halcyon Rd.
Arroyo Grand, CA 93420

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BIBLE STORY TIME

We will read "The Good News",
from the Beginning Bible,
Luke 2:8-20.
Our "Fruit of the Spirit"
teaching is **Peace.**



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Ms. Rebecca & Ms. Andrea's Pre-K Class

Hello Pre-K Families! The holiday season is upon us, and our students have become so overjoyed with all that this time of year brings! Last month we discussed what it means to be thankful and celebrate with those we love, and we plan to continue that same message throughout December. Daily we talked about what it means to be a School Family, particularly as we welcomed Dexter and Emma into our class! We can see that the children have truly embraced this concept as they play games together outdoors as a complete class instead of breaking down into small groups. Please continue to send your share pictures on Mondays and Tuesdays, because the share book has become the most popular book in the room! For the month of December our letters will be Jj, Kk and Ll. Please watch for some requests on Child Pilot about your own family's holiday traditions so we can share them with the children. We are so grateful we have finished out 2020 with all of our AGUMCC families and look forward to what new adventures come in 2021! Have a blessed holiday season. ~Ms. Andrea

Ms. Elizabeth & Ms. Swati's Preschool Class

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! November flew by so quickly. Thank you to all the families who met with Preschool teachers for conferences. It was wonderful to have a moment to talk with you about your child and their many accomplishments. This month will be filled with magical holiday memories. We begin with our moral teaching of Peace. We learn about the birth of baby Jesus and the scripture Luke. December will be getting cold and we begin to talk about winter and festivities. We are asking each of you how you celebrate winter holidays in your home. Look on child pilot for notices about share days related to holidays. December 18th is

a minimum day which we will celebrate with a pajama party. We will focus on the color purple, the number 5, the shape of a star and the letters J and K. As with last month our color is a secondary color which is achieved by mixing 2 primary colors. We have started settling into our routine and we look forward to a new year. We hope 2021 brings many deserved blessings. As the weather changes and can be unpredictable, please remember to send your child in layers and bring a heavy jacket if needed. In addition, each child should have a back up mask to keep at school. Many of the students are chewing on the masks causing them to get wet. During our last week before our break children will be giving you a special handmade gift. We wish we could celebrate together in a wonderful class party. Our prayer for next year is to hope for celebrations in the future. ~ Ms. Elizabeth

Ms. Shirley & Ms. Cindy Bo's Toddler Class

The toddlers have adapted so well during this season of Covid. They have learned to get their Book Boxes or sit on a Yellow Dot while waiting for their turn to wash hands. They've also learned to get their own crayon box and paper while they wait for a turn to use their individual sensory tubs. The book, crayon and sensory containers have their pictures on them so they can locate themselves and they have all learned to be so independent in doing so. We are enjoying our "Good Morning Time" in the Courtyard. The toddlers hear Ms. Shirley and I ring the triangle and they know they can choose to join us for this small group experience. Many enjoy the routine of singing the good morning song. They have especially had fun with the "Gobble, Gobble Turkey" song and participating in our "Kumbaya Circle".

We will celebrate Christmas this month by having a little nativity set for the children to play with and introducing them to the gift of Jesus and the story of His birth. Since we will miss out on having our annual Christmas Program this year, we will try to send a video clip of the children singing or dancing instead. If you have any special family traditions that you would like us to share or include in our time with the children, please message us about it through your Child Pilot app.

Also, this month we are welcoming three new children to our classroom. We welcome Grayson Barnard, whose sister Emma is in the Pre-K class, Henry Smith, and Natalie Weitcamp and their families to our toddler room family. May you all have a blessed Christmas, close to family and friends, whether from a distance or not. ~Ms. Cindy Bo

