

# Children's Center Chronicle

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center [www.worshipweekly.com](http://www.worshipweekly.com) AUGUST 2021

## Message from Ms. Maddy:

The Spring Family Survey Results for 2021 are in. Of all the families who participated, everyone was either very satisfied (83%) or satisfied (17%) with the care they received. One-hundred percent of families felt the staff meets their child's individual needs and that their child is happy and well cared for. They also agreed the program promotes their child's learning and development. The top reasons why families enrolled in our program are 1) Low child-to-teacher ratios, 2) Age-appropriate curriculum, and 3) socialization. The vast majority of families (96%) participated in Parent/Teacher Conferences and they found them to be informative, since they learned how their child has grown and developed. Likewise, the surveyed families felt the staff communicated well (92%) and the most preferred form of communication was through the Child Pilot App, with person-to-person communication coming in second place. If you are interested in additional survey results, the full details are attached to the back of the newsletter.

The Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center Board would like to thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. The findings are beneficial and very important in providing information that helps us improve our program. We look forward to a fun and exciting new school year in nurturing the development of children and fostering new relationships of the families we serve.

### Thank You to our July

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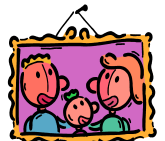
### *AGUMCC WASH LOST BOARD*

*A FEW CURRENT ITEMS INCLUDE:*

- \* Baby Wipes*
- \* Clorox Wipes*
- \* Container of Cream of Tartar*

### "Family Photo Boards"

Help us to get to know your family better by completing your child's family collage. This is a wonderful activity, that bridges the relationship between school and home. Please let your child's teacher know if you have not yet received your collage poster board.



### We recycle ink cartridges

Do you have a computer at work or home? **Staff can earn \$1 for every used cartridge** you bring in. The money is used to buy various supplies for the office and classrooms. The container for the ink cartridges is located on the table outside

### Important Dates to Remember

- Friday, August 2 - Staff Development. School Spirit Day!  
Wear your AGUMCC T-Shirt. **SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3:30**
- Friday, September 2 - Staff Development. Spirit Day!  
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- Monday, September 6 - SCHOOL IS CLOSED for Labor Day.

### Ms. Andrea and Ms. Rebecca's TK Class

Hello! It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know your children as this new school year has begun. They are all unique, wonderful individuals and we cannot wait to continue to get to know them! So far in our class, the children have explored their new classroom and started to become familiar with each other, since we have had several new friends join our group at the tail end of Preschool. In our classroom, they have begun to explore our literacy, mathematics, science, manipulatives, and block areas. We also introduced our most important classroom rules of being safe, responsible, and respectful to one another. We also learned the difference between green and red choices. The children have both talked about and demonstrated ways in which they can make green choices and practice being responsible citizens in TK.

Thank you to all the families who have returned their Family Pages along with a family photo. Your children enjoyed sharing their family pictures and look at them often in our Class Family Photo Album in the Library. There is still plenty of time for everyone to return their Family Pages as well. We look forward to learning more about your families and adding your pictures to our book.

In August we will begin Zoo Phonics with the introduction of Aa for Allie Alligator, Bb for Bubba Bear, and Cc for Catina Cat. We will also explore measurement as the focus of our Math curriculum this month. We will learn to weigh and measure using the children as examples so we can see how much they grow between now and Spring. We will also add other objects to weigh and measure in the math center. We will explore primary colors as well and focus on our moral lesson of being Trustworthy. I'm sure we will think of many other activities and games to share with the children as we move closer to fall. In the meanwhile we look forward to much more fun and learning in August. ~ Ms. Andrea

### Ms. Swati and Ms. Elizabeth's Preschool Class

What a wonderful summer we have had in Preschool. We welcome August as we "officially" return to school this month with our older siblings. I wanted to thank all of the families for being so supportive and flexible in July as we were adjusting to a new classroom, new routines, and new friends. The children have become accustomed to their new schedule and new expectations wonderfully. They all show great pride in being in the "big kid" class and seeing the new toddlers in Miss Shirley and Cindy Bo's class. Thank you also to all the families who returned their Family Boards. The children delight in showing pictures of their loved ones to each other and comparing how we are alike and different. Last month we focused on ourselves and our families. We drew pictures of our families and made adorable self portraits with paper plates. This month we will continue to bridge the gap between home and

school. We will be focusing on our families and discussing who we live with. This is a great time to get to know each other so make sure you have your Family Boards to use in class. We have seen our classroom garden grow amazingly and we will begin exploration of patterns in nature. We will notice how flower petals grow the same and we will observe how animals have patterns. We will celebrate the end of the month with a crazy pattern week where your child can come to school dressed in many different patterns. For example stripes and polka dots with tie dye. This will be reflective of how we notice animals have different patterns and shapes on their bodies. This exploration of nature will lead into more in depth observations of our natural world as Autumn approaches. Encourage your child to notice patterns in nature at home as well. This can be done with some cloud gazing or even noticing different plants during a family walk. Thank you to the families who have helped with laundry and donating items to the school, it is greatly appreciated. We look forward to an exciting month with you and your children,

In love, light and learning ~ Miss Elizabeth Ann Key

### Ms. Shirley and Ms. Cindy Bo's Toddlers

What a fun month it was in July, with new toddlers joining our class and toddlers that were continuing with us showing them the ropes. They all did surprisingly well adjusting to their new class experience and dynamics. This month we will be welcoming Moxie Mayne to our group. We know her family (Corey & Jenna) as well as her brother, Maverick, who just transitioned from the toddler room to the preschool. We are happy to have them as part of our toddler group once again. On a sad note, we will be saying "goodbye" to Grayson and his family, James, Kristen, Emma, and Grandma Anne, as he will be joining Emma at her new school. We will really miss all of you!

In July, many of the Toddlers spent time playing with cars and trucks and working on their large motor skills, climbing, and using a variety of riding toys. They also showed interest in exploring the manipulative materials by scooping and pouring sand in the sandbox and water at their sensory tubs. They enjoyed coloring paper on the floor and painting with sea life animal figures too.

August promises to be another fun month as everyone gets to know each other better and becomes even more comfortable and familiar with our daily routines and activities. Thank you, again, for entrusting us with the care of your precious children..

~ Cindy Bo

### BIBLE STORY



We will read **Luke 19: 1-10** from the Children's Beginning Bible. It's a story about **Zacchaeus** and how he learned to become **TRUSTWORTHY**.