

Children's Center Chronicle


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Message from Ms. Maddy

Thank you to all of our families for choosing AGUMCC for their child's early childhood education and care. Thank you to the staff for their dedication to our program and for the love they give all the children each and every day. Also I greatly appreciate all the continued support from the First United Methodist Church members to help keep our wonderful school open for our 16th year! We opened July 21, 2005 as a Christian ministry to serve the community and are grateful we are still going strong in spite of the challenges we faced in light of the recent pandemic. The good Lord has truly blessed this children's center and we are incredibly thankful for all the families who have trusted us with their children's care and education over the years.

It will be soon Autumn and everyone getting back into a routine. We are looking forward to a great new school year. Thank you to our school families who have shared with others how happy they are with the quality of care and the low child to teacher ratio we offer. A satisfied family is our best advertisement.

We currently have openings in our Preschool Class. If you know of someone in need of quality childcare, please tell them about our program and have them call to make an appointment for a tour. After they receive a tour, then they can either join our program or put their child on our "Waiting List" for our next enrollment opportunity.

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BIBLE STORY FOR SEPTEMBER

Our Bible Story from the Children's Beginning Bible is in Exodus 20. It's a story of when Moses went to the mountain to get the 10 Commandments from God. Our moral teaching is: "Be Respectful".



Let us be respectful to one another. There are many ways we can show respect. One is by following rules which can keep us safe. Another way is by using our manners and saying, "Please" and "Thank You." Also, we can be respectful by listening when someone is talking. Then, after we have listened, we can show respect by acknowledging what was said with caring and kind words. Following directions is another way to show respect. For example: Families and teachers can make Playdoh to demonstrate to children how to follow directions. **Ingredients:** 2 c flour, 1 c salt, 4 tsp Cream of Tarter, 4 tbsp oil, 2 c water with food coloring to desired color. **Instructions:** Combine all ingredients and cook over low to medium heat stirring constantly until a dough ball is formed and it has a smooth finish. Remove from heat and knead until cool. Store in an air tight container.

Ms. Andrea and Ms. Rebecca's TK Class

Hi TK Families,

August was a very interesting time. We worked on the letters Aa for Allie Alligator, Bb for Bubba Bear, and Cc for Catina Cat, along with our assessments for Family/Teacher conferences. With the many absent children we decided to review the letters Aa, Bb, and Cc 2 weeks in a row, so the children who were absent had the opportunity to learn the materials we had presented. We will also revisit some of the other concepts from August such as weighing items, using a balancing scale, and sorting items by color and size to make sure everyone got an opportunity to explore these areas.

For the month of September we will continue with the letters Dd, Ee, and Ff along with our assessments so that we are ready and prepared for our meetings with you. We will also explore the differences and similarities between squares and rectangles in addition to mixing primary colors to make secondary colors. We will discuss ways to be respectful after we hear the Bible story about Moses and the Ten Commandments, plus we will come up with some of our own classroom rules to follow. We would also like to welcome the new families who have joined us. We look forward to getting to know you just as we have been enjoying getting to know our current families. As always, please feel free to message us with questions and concerns. We wish you well!

~ Ms. Rebecca

Ms. Elizabeth and Swati's Preschool Class

Happy September to all our Preschool families. It has been an exciting start to the school year and time is flying by! We are all accustomed to our new class schedule and beginning to explore the environment and centers in the classroom more. We have discovered that most of our class loves to get their hands messy with paint and playdough. We will be exploring more mediums of sensory play this month like slime. In addition we will be building more 3D art projects with the success of last month's Square Sculptures. We appreciate your trust in us with your children and we look forward to many successes.

There are many ways you can help your child have the most successful and engaging day possible at preschool. We love to play the running game as a class when we play outside, so please have your child wear closed toe shoes everyday that are easy to run in. This helps with safety in the class

and encourages fine motor and self care skills of putting on socks and shoes as well. We also get very, very thirsty with our running game and songs we sing, so please send your child with a full water bottle everyday. In addition, please send your child to class with a clean mask and an extra to change into if needed. Thank you to all the families for continuing to understand the precautions we must take to keep safe and healthy.

Along these lines, breakfast is an integral part of a successful day and we recommend everyone to wake early and enjoy this time together as a family. This month we will begin talking about nutrition and the different food groups and we encourage that dialogue at home. The children love talking about food and we have found ways to connect at lunch times through discussions about their favorite foods. Thank you to all of our preschool families for their support. In Love, Light and Learning...

~ Miss Elizabeth Ann Key

Ms. Shirley and Ms. Cindy Bo's Toddlers

August was a very busy month for our classroom as the children became more familiar with our daily routines and activities. Their interests soared with the new materials we placed on the shelves, such as the cars which they rolled up and down the ramps and through plastic tubes. They even built their own tunnels out of blocks for the cars to travel in and out. They have also been enjoying building with the magnet tiles for the last couple months. They are making some complex structures including houses and cages for the zoo animals. Another activity that has been very popular is dancing with dolls and stuffed animals during our music and movement group time. We've enjoyed singing, "Down in the Jungle" and "Let's Go to the Zoo." Another interest has been the various puppets we bring to morning group, especially when the children get to interact by holding one.

Fall is on its way and the weather will be changing, so we want to remind everyone to send jackets or sweatshirts for your child to wear, particularly in the cool and damp mornings. Conference time is also coming up, so be on the lookout for information from us about the various times and dates available to meet with your child's primary teacher. This is an opportunity to talk one-on-one about your precious children and get to know each other better. We are so excited and blessed to care for your special little ones. May God bless all of our AGUMCC families.

~ Ms. Shirley