

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message from the Director, Ms. Maddy

We have official made it through our first year of being open since the pandemic. We feel so blessed by all the families that have chosen our program and continue to tell others about our school. Word of mouth is the best advertisement.

Thank you everyone for having patience with the new Drop Off and Pick Up Routine. The children are also doing great with saying bye at the door or gate and wearing their mask when needed. Remember to check your child's Message or Activities on Child Pilot daily so you don't miss any information or pictures of your child having fun at school.

Cupcake, the pony is coming on Wednesday Oct. 13 and Thursday, Oct. 14 at 9:00 a.m. for the toddler group, 9:30 for the Preschool Group, and 10:00 for the TK group. If you have a sibling at home, they are welcome to come and have their picture with Cupcake too. Last year's pictures will be out on the table for you to enjoy. There is no obligation to purchase. Every child will get their picture taken and you can decide whether or not you'd like to purchase them, after you see them. If your child does not attend school on Wednesday or Thursday, you are welcome to come and stay with your child to have his/her picture taken.

REMINDERS:

- **30 Day Notice Policy.** If you need to change your "Child Care Agreement", it is required to give a 30 day written notice.
- **Parking Lot Speed Limit is 5 MPH.** This, is for everyone's safety.
- **Be cell phone free** when dropping off or picking up your child. This is important so that you are available to help your child transition to or from school.
- **AGUMCC does not celebrate Halloween.** Please save your special costumes for at home fun and do not bring treats to share with others.

BIBLE STORY TIME

We will read Mathew 14:13-21, "The Big Picnic", from the Beginning Bible. This story is about a boy who shared his lunch with Jesus when he preached to the multitudes. Our "Fruit of the Spirit" teaching is on **Kindness**. being kind to others is showing God's love to one another.

Mark Your Calendar

Friday, October 1, - STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY AND SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY. Wear your school T-shirt, to show your school spirit.
SCHOOL WILL CLOSE AT 3:30 PM.
Wednesday Oct. 13 and Thursday, Oct. 14 - PICTURE DAYS, WITH "CUPCAKE", THE PONY.
Toddlers @ 9, Preschool @ 9:39, TK @ 10

Do you know someone who would like to be our next months

"Friend's of the Children's Center Sponsor?"

Please contact Ms. Maddy
805-481-2223

Thank You to our November
Friends of the Children's Center Sponsor:
Robert Underwood

Ms. Rebecca and Ms. Andrea's TK

Hi Families,

The month of September was a time for us to get to know one another better with all the fun vacations of summer. Most of us are all together every day now and have become a closer class family because of the extra time together.

We decorated our classroom for fall with leaves and an apple tree. We worked on writing our names and letters. We even sang songs and danced with each new letter that was introduced and made friends with the Zoo Animal puppets. Overall we have had a really good time this month!

Ms. Andrea and I would like to say thank you to all the families who signed up for conferences. We appreciated the time you made for us to connect so we can work as a team for your child. This time together is invaluable. We look forward to the upcoming month of October and all the amazing learning that will happen!

~Ms. Rebecca

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

Fall is finally here! We have all been anticipating the upcoming holiday season starting with this wonderful month of October. Our class is already excited and talking about how their families' homes celebrate Halloween. Reminder: Even though it is not a holiday celebrate at school, we still have plenty of fun and excitement planned to celebrate the Autumn Season.

Our dramatic play area in the classroom has been transformed into our own Preschool Pumpkin patch. We can pretend to farm and harvest pumpkins and sell them in our shop. This will be a favorite as children pretend they are at Avila Valley Barn. We will also focus on pumpkin science this month including the life cycle of the pumpkin. We will plant seeds, watch the pumpkin seeds grow, then bring them home and to hopefully grow into plants. At the end of the month we will explore our senses as we carve a pumpkin together.

We are so lucky to live in an agricultural community and many of us have gardens at home.

Another one of our themes for the month will be a focus on growing and eating healthy fruits and vegetables. We will begin to introduce the different food groups and talk about

what we enjoy eating at home.

This month begins our first month of 'Show and Tell'. We will send a notice home with more details. This experience will give your child a unique opportunity to help "teach" the class.

I would like to also extend an extra special thank you to all our preschool families. Miss Swati and I greatly enjoyed meeting with you during conferences. As teachers it is a joy to have families who are so invested in their children's early education.

At the end of this month we will have an October Pajama Party on Wednesday the 27th. We invite children to come in their pajamas for a fun filled day and lunch time picnic. If your child does not attend school that day you may come to our lunch time picnic to enjoy the festivities. We are so excited for another amazing month of learning. In love, light and learning

~Miss Elizabeth Ann Key

Ms. Cindy Bo and Ms. Shirley's Toddlers

Ms. Shirley and I want to thank you for taking the time to meet with us for parent-teacher conferences. It is always so helpful to hear about how your child is growing and learning at home and to share with you the special ways we have seen them grow and learn at school. It is also nice to have that time to visit and get to know you a little better, too.

The toddlers continue to show an interest in interacting and developing relationships with one another. They are often reaching out to hold a hand with a friend or sharing play materials with each other. The toddlers really enjoyed many of the fun wild animal activities we continued to engage in during September such as "being swallowed by a boa constrictor" and wearing wild animal face masks as we sang "I Went to Visit a Zoo One Day". They all enjoyed participating in art, sensory and other special activities, as well.

This month we will be adding pumpkins and gourds to our classroom environment for the children to explore and will have fun fall activities for them to enjoy as well.

Stay warm and enjoy this special season with your family. Blessings always, ~Cindy Bo

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR THE CLASSROOMS:

- 1 gallon bottle of drinking water
- Lotion, Flour, Salt, Cream of Tartar
- Zip Lock Bags: Sandwich, Quart, or Gallon Size