

# Children's Center Chronicle

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## Message from Ms. Maddy

Friendship and Love are the foundations of building solid relationships. This month we will be sharing the importance of friendship and how to show friendship to one another. It is through the love of one another that friendship is fostered. Through our actions and words, we hope that you see how the staff of AGUMCC demonstrates love for you and your child. We feel blessed that you have entrusted your greatest gift to us, and we sincerely desire to foster a growing relationship that will benefit your child during this precious time of learning and development. Per COVID Health and Safety Guidelines, we will not be having our traditional Friendship Celebration. For this reason, children cannot bring food or items to share with each other.

**March is Enrollment time** for our 2022-2023 session, which begins July 5, 2022. For currently enrolled families, registration information will be in your child's family folder located in your child's class. Registration and payment are due by March 15. See me for an additional "Registration Form" if you have a second child on our "Waiting List." As a current family member, you can register him or her at this time as well. I will contact families on our "Waiting List" starting April 1, 2022. We look forward to welcoming new families to our program. Most of our new families start with us in the Toddler groups. However, there are usually a few spaces available for new families to join us in the Preschool and TK groups.

**A Tuition Increase will take effect on July 5, 2022.** It will be \$1 to \$2 a day to provide a cost-of-living increase to our staff.

**It is always good to plan when looking for a quality program.** We pride ourselves on having an educated staff who love and have a commit to young children. Also, we work hard at creating quality interactive environments, both in the classroom and outside. We follow standards set by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), including using the following evaluative and assessment tools: Environmental Rating Scale; Desired Results; Classroom Assessment System; and Ages and Stages. **Thank you to our staff, families, church, and board members, for all your time and dedication in making this a great program.**

### BIBLE STORY TIME



This month the story is "The Children", from the Beginning Bible, **Matthew 19:13-15**. Our "Fruit of the Spirit" teaching is "Love". Bible Verse: "As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34

### Dates to Remember

- **Friday, February 4-** Staff Development and School Spirit Day. Wear your school T-shirt to show your school spirit. School will be CLOSED at 3:30 pm on this day.
- **Monday, February 21-** PRESIDENT'S DAY. School will be closed.

### Fruit of the Spirit Focus for the Month: **LOVE**

Love is something that we cannot touch, but we can express and experience it in our interactions with God and others. At school, we are learning to grow friendships with one another through loving actions and words.

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### Ms. Rebecca's Pre-K Class

Hello! TK Families. I asked to write the February newsletter to say a proper goodbye since we didn't have school the week before I left. As I wrote in my letters,



please make sure your children know that I loved them and truly enjoyed being their teacher! They have

grown so much just since July! They are writing their first, and in some cases, last names; they know almost all their letters and the sounds they make, and they can even count by tens up to 100! I plan to stay involved with AGUMCC as a substitute teacher as much as possible and will be assisting Ms. Rebecca with the Spring Assessments, which will be written up in February and conducted in March. I have always wanted to teach young children for as long as I can remember, and I am grateful that I could make that dream come true, even if only for a short time, at AGUMCC. It is a wonderful program with dedicated, experienced, and well-educated teachers who genuinely have your children's best interest at heart. Ms. Rebecca is an excellent teacher, one of the best there is, and I know she will see to it that your children are fully prepared by the time Kindergarten Round-Ups rolls around. I thank you for entrusting your precious children to me, even if only for a short time. I learned so much from them and hoped they learned from me as well. I also enjoyed working with all of your families. Please take care and know that you and your child positively impacted my life. I wish you well.  
~Ms. Andrea\_

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

Happy February! Can you believe January is over and gone? Last month the preschool class enjoyed celebrating the winter and ringing in the New Year. This month we celebrate Love and Friendship. We begin exploring these concepts with our Bible story of Jesus and the children from Matthew 19:13-15. Here we reflect on God's love for all his children. In class, we will talk about how we can show that same love and friendship for each other and our families. We will also explore how Valentine's Day is a day to celebrate love and friendship.

Last month we learned about the colors black and white. This month we will revisit some colors focusing on the primary colors. The children have already done so much work mixing colors this year, making orange, purple, and green. We encourage you to talk with your children about these colors and what they did to make them.

February also begins a discussion on recycling to show love for our environment. We will practice sorting materials and talking about what materials things are made of. This month we will begin working with your children on Springtime assessments to document all their amazing skills. We want to start planning conferences this month to meet with families in March. Your child's teacher will be contacting you individually to make these arrangements. These can be done in person or on Zoom.

Thank you to all the families for trusting us with this world's greatest treasure, our children. In love, light, and learning  
~Elizabeth Ann Key

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

What a way to start a new year, with so many of us out sick and having to close the classroom! Here's to a happy and healthy February and "Friendship Month"! One of the greatest joys of working with your children is watching them form special relationships with each other, learning each other's names, and joining each other in play. Both Shirley and I miss being part of that when we aren't here.

In January, the toddlers engaged in some play and group experiences that fostered their interest in interactions and helped them grow in other areas of their development. They had a great time taking the "Chair Train" to the zoo, naming everyone on board, and identifying the emotional expressions on their ticket faces and the colored dots that matched them. We also talked about rain, and the children had fun making rain sounds with their hands. They have started requesting things like playdough and their sensory tubs by name or pointing to the activity of interest, too. Many of them will help themselves to their own coloring box and paper pad when they are interested in doing that, as well.



This month, we will continue to provide activities and group experiences that encourage their development of friendships and being part of a group. Shirley and I will also be preparing for parent-teacher conferences coming up in March. We will have sign-ups for conferences soon.

With thankfulness for God's goodness and all of you!  
~ Cindy Bo

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

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