

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message from Ms. Maddy:

The Spring Family Survey Results for 2022 are in. All the families who participated in the survey were either very satisfied (81.3%) or satisfied (18.8%). 100% of families felt the program promoted their child's learning and development and were happy with the care they received. Some comments: "Loving environment, my son is happy, close to work, and flexible." "Very happy with our experience at AGUMCC." "I'm grateful for the Bible Stories and teachings about God. It has sparked conversations at home with my child. Thank you."

The top reasons why families enrolled in our program are 1) Age-appropriate curriculum, 2) socialization, and 3) Low child-to-teacher ratios. 96% participated in Parent/Teacher Conferences and found them informative since they learned how their child has grown and developed. 100% of the families surveyed attended Parent Teacher Conference. All of them found their child's conference informative. The majority (87.5 %) of the families felt the staff communicated well. The two most preferred ways they liked to receive information were in person and through Childpilot. 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 completing the survey. The findings are beneficial and significant 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 with the families we serve.

Thank You to our July

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Craig Ford



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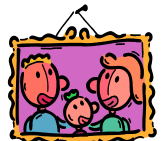
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- * Baby Wipes
- * Bird Seed
- * Container of Cream of Tartar
- * Gallon jugs of drinking water
- * Large Container of Bubbles

"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.



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Important Dates to Remember

- Friday, August 5- **Staff Development**. School Spirit Day! Wear your AGUMCC T-Shirt. **SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3:30**
- Friday, September 2 - **Staff Development**. Spirit Day! Wear your AGUMCC T-Shirt. **SCHOOL CLOSSES at 3:30**
- Monday, September 5- **SCHOOL IS CLOSED** for Labor Day.

Ms. Andrea and Ms. Elvia TK Class

Welcome, TK Families as this school year has began. It has been a pleasure getting to know every one of the children. Ms. Andrea and I have really enjoyed our first weeks of TK having a great time learning about your children. We hope that they are enjoying their new class as the "Big Kids," as many of them said.

We look forward to getting to know each other more as the year continues.

In July, we spent time getting to know each other. Children explored and enjoyed the areas in the classroom, such as the manipulatives, blocks, library, science, math, and dramatic areas. We also introduced the class schedule in the front of the class in picture form, colored their puzzle piece for our "class family puzzle, decorated their birthday candles for our birthday board, and colored their helping hands, which they will use daily to identify their daily job.

We started with our summer theme, in which children decorated ice cream cones during table work time—Ms. Andrea modeled how to do a color-by-number ice cream worksheet and practice tracing their names. In addition, in the second group, children danced and moved using their creative movements during music and movement.

In August, we will be introducing our ZooPhonics alphabets and numbers. On Tuesday and Wednesday, we will introduce our "Share" time. Children can bring items like pictures, drawings from the internet, or a magazine corresponding to the letter of the week. For example, A is for an apple, and bring a picture of an apple. We will laminate their paper and put them together in an ABC binder.

It was nice meeting some of the parents at Orientation Night! I look forward to getting to know you and your child and being a part of their growth and development. ~ Ms. Andrea

Ms. Swati and Ms. Elizabeth's Preschool Class

What a wonderful summer we have had in the Preschool class. We welcome August as we "officially" return to school this month with our older siblings. Thank you to all of the families for being supportive and flexible in July as we are all adjusting to a new classroom, new routines, and new friends. The children have become accustomed to their new schedule and new expectations wonderfully. They have shown great pride in being in the "big kid" classroom. The Family Boards have been a big hit with our friends. The children delight in showing each other pictures of their loved ones and comparing how we are alike and different. We appreciate each family's time to make this for their child.

Last month we focused on becoming comfortable with our classroom and teachers. We have learned all about circles and are noticing them everywhere! This month we will focus on ourselves and our families. We will draw pictures of our families and make adorable self-portraits as we continue to bridge the gap between home and school.

Please return the ASQ right away so we can get to know your child's development from your perspective. We will begin collecting data for your child's upcoming fall conference in September.

Everyone has developed a great routine of dropping off their children in the morning, as well as during pickup time. Please make sure to check your child's folder for artwork and notices. In addition, please look in their cubby for any soiled clothing that may need to come home. Each child will need an extra pair of clothes to keep at school in case of accidents. It is also helpful to dress your child in layers for their school day. The weather can fluctuate from very cold in the morning to hot in the afternoon.

Thank you to the families who have helped with laundry and donating items to the school. It is greatly appreciated. We look forward to another exciting month with you and your children.

In love, light, and learning, Miss Elizabeth Ann Key

Ms. Shirley and Ms. Cindy Bo's Toddlers

July was a fun month in the Toddler room, with new toddlers joining our class and the continuing toddlers showing them the ropes. They have all done very well adjusting to their new class experience and dynamics.

The continuing group of toddlers has expressed feelings of missing their friends that transitioned to the preschool class. Although, they have been happy to see them in passing and visit them from our classroom window when they play in the Courtyard. The new children have quickly picked up on our routines and confidently engaged in activities with other children.

We have spent a lot of time getting to know each other and will continue to provide opportunities for our group to learn about each other's similarities and differences. The toddlers have been enjoying stories and songs that we have been singing about wild animals. Therefore, our wild animal play figures will definitely be added to our classroom environment this month, in addition to introducing new wild animal songs, stories and activities. Several children have enjoyed working with playdough and various play dough tools, so we will also offer this activity a lot throughout August.

We trust that the new children will become more and more comfortable and develop a strong sense of safety and security here at school. Miss Shirley and I look forward to getting to know you and their families better as we move into this new month. Please let us know if we can answer any questions about your child's school experience.

Blessings for a special month together, Cindy Bo

GOODIE BEAR & BIBLE STORY

**WED. & THURS. AUG. 3RD AND 4TH
AT 9:05 IN THE NARTHEX.**

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**.