

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 share the importance of friendship and how to show friendship to one another. It is through acts of love that friendships are fostered. By our actions and words, we hope you see how the staff of AGUMCC demonstrates love for you, your child, and your family. We feel blessed that you have entrusted your greatest gift to us. We sincerely desire to foster a growing relationship that will benefit your child during this precious learning and development time.

March is Enrollment time for our 2022-2023 session, which begins July 3, 2023. Registration information for currently enrolled families will be in your child's family folder in your class later this month. 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, 2023.

We look forward to welcoming new families to our program. Most of our new families start with us in the Toddler class. However, there are usually a few spaces for families to join us in the Preschool and TK classes.

A Tuition Increase will take effect on July 1, 2023. 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 committed children. Also, we work hard to create quality interactive environments in the classroom and outside. We strive to follow standards set by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), using evaluative and assessment tools: Environmental Rating Scale, Desired Results, and Ages and Stages. *Thank you to our staff, families, church, and board members for all your time and dedication to making this a great program.*

BIBLE STORY AND GOODIE BEAR TIME

In the Narthex Wed. Feb. 1 and Thurs. Feb 2 at 9:05 am



This month the story is "Jesus Loves the Little 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 3-** 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 20-** PRESIDENT'S DAY. School will be closed.

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Ms. Andrea and Elvia's Pre-K Class

Welcome, all to the new beginning year of 2023. In January, the TK class theme was penguins and polar bears. There were many areas in the classroom with polar bears and penguins. Children have been enjoying the sensory area with winter animals, kinetic sand, gems, trees, and an igloo.



Also, children have been challenged yet persistent with a manipulative penguin activity in which they need to fit pieces of ice cubes and make them all fit into one square.

Moreover, children have been enjoying the large 32-piece puzzle. Watching them work together as a team to complete the puzzle has been a joy. Also, the dramatic play area has been transformed into a postal office. The children we had sent letters and received packets from their friends and families. For art, children made their own unique Snowy Owls which goes along with our letter of the week, "O." They also made penguins using black and orange paint. They learned the method of using lines of symmetry to create a penguin. Moreover, it's that time of the year to start assessments for Spring conferences and see how much your child has learned or improved their skills.

For the month of February, we will be learning about Bugs. Our bible story focus is "Love." The story is "Jesus Loves the Little Children" Matthew 19:13-15. Since it's the month of friendship and love, we will talk about the love and friendship we have toward others and Jesus' love toward all of us. In addition, we will focus on the heart shape and the number 7 and continue with our Zoo Phonics letters R, S, and T. ~ Elvia

Ms. Swati and Ms. Daphne'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. We talked about winter in California and how it differs in our area from other parts of California. We also learned about the colors black and white. The children have mixed primary colors this year to make orange, purple, and green. We encourage you to talk with your children about these colors and what they can do to make them.

This month we will revisit and focus on the primary colors and doing fun heart projects during art time. February, we celebrate Love and Friendship. We will talk about showing love through friendships for each other and in our families. We will also discuss how to show love by protecting our environment. To celebrate love and friendship, we will have a Friendship Party. More information will be coming soon. Children will continue to work on recognizing letters in their names through several projects like

making a Name Snowman and stomping and clapping out the letters in individual names.

In addition, this month, we will begin working with your children on Spring time assessments by documenting all their amazing skills. We want to start planning conferences to meet with families in March this month. Your child's teacher will contact 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 Swati Gupta

Ms. Shirley and Ms. Cindy Bo's Toddler

I hope everyone is moving into this second month of our new year feeling healthy and well. We've been happy to have more full attendance days in our class. Shirley and I miss your children when they are not able to be at school, and their friends miss them too. The toddlers are growing so much in their use of language to communicate, problem-solve and interact with each other. It is precious to see the special relationships they have formed with one another.

We were blessed to receive so much rain in January, and we had fun talking with the children about the changes we saw in the weather. The children enjoyed the story "It Looked Like Spilt Milk" as they identified the various shapes that might be seen in the clouds. We also used flannel board pieces with this story, which the children used during free-choice play time to retell the story on their own. We talked about what it might mean if clouds are turning grey. Also, we made rain sounds with our hands, from a quiet sprinkling sound to a loud pouring sound, as we sang "It's Raining, It's Pouring." Many of the children also had fun dressing up in knitted hats, scarves, and mittens, preparing plates of Mexican foods for their friends in the dramatic play area, and throwing paper "snowballs" up in the air as we wished each other a "Happy New Year!"



This month is our "Friendship Month," so we will continue to encourage the toddlers in their positive interactions and developing friendships and provide more group activities and experiences. Shirley and I are hoping to have a "Friendship Breakfast" as well. We will send out more information on this event, inviting you to join your child and their friends for an hour of special activities and breakfast together. 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 for all of you! Cindy Bo