

# Children's Center Chronicle

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## Message From Ms. Maddy

Thank you to all the families who are staying with us for the 2023-2024 Session that starts Wednesday, July 5, 2023. **Tell others that AGUMCC has openings in our Preschool and TK Classes.** If you know someone who desires and needs quality child care, please tell them about us. Children who enroll now will be ensured a spot in the next session beginning in July.

Also, thank you to those who came and supported our **Open House & Children's Center Sunday Celebration.** These were two wonderful events to showcase quality childcare for the children and families that the staff serves.

## **NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK IS MAY 1-5, 2023.**

If you and your child want to complete the attached THANK YOU NOTE, I will make THANK YOU booklets for each staff member. (If there is a parent or parents that would like to help me with this special project, let me know. I will have a collection box on the Check-In/Out counter for you to drop off your THANK YOU NOTE(s). If you need more copies of the attached THANK YOU, extras will be in the collection box. Please, return your THANK YOU(s) by Thursday, May 4, 2023.

**Family Surveys are going out this month.** Please return your survey by Thursday, **May 18<sup>th</sup>.** The surveys provide information regarding what you, our families, think about our program and how we can improve it. I look forward to reviewing the survey feedback and sharing the information in the June newsletter.

## Thank you to our May

Friends of the Children's Center Sponsor  
**Bob Underwood**

## **Show your School Spirit!**

Order your T- shirt (\$15)  
or sweatshirt (\$20) now.



**Don't delay! Order by Friday, May 12, 2023**

Children are going to Tie Dying their School Shirt for a **Keepsake** of their time at AGUMCC.

## Dates to remember

- May 1-5: Teacher Appreciation Week
- Sunday, May 14- Mother's Day!
- Monday, May 29 - School is Closed for Memorial Day
- Thursday, June 22- Last Day of School. It's a Minimum Day school closes at Noon.
- Thursday, June 22—Promotion in The sanctuary at Noon.
- Friday, June 23- School is Closed for Staff Development.
- June 26 to July 4 —School is Closed for Summer Break
- Wednesday, July 5—First Day of School for 2023-2024 School



## BIBLE STORY TIME

Children will hear the story of "Hannah's Prayer", from 1 Samuel 1 & 2, in the Beginning Bible. "Fruit of the Spirit" teaching is on "Patience". The Bible Verse is ...Be Patient bearing with one

**Ms. Elvia and Ms. Andrea's TK Class**

Hello TK Families! Ms. Elvia and I were so happy to see so many of you at Children's Center Sunday, along with the Art Auction! Your children worked very hard to prepare for the occasion and to make their Monet Water Lilies painting. They were incredibly proud of their efforts.

We have finally finished the alphabet! The children were so excited to get to Zeke to Zebra! We will now focus on learning some sight words such as "I, a, the, and word families like s/m/cat," etc. Some of them are already writing "Mom and Dad" along with the word "love and you."

We will also make a special art project for Mother's Day, planting seeds and journaling the plant's life. We can't believe we are already in Spring and nearing the end of the year. We will also be practicing special songs and making memory books to take home after our graduation in June. We have some much fun in store! ~Ms. Andrea

**Ms. Swati and Glori's Preschool Class**

We can almost feel Spring vibes with sunshine and lots of seasonal blooms. I want to start with an extra special thank you to our families for supporting Open House and The Children's Center Art Show. We had a wonderful time learning about Kandinsky and being inspired to make our own art as a class. We enjoyed visiting with all of our Preschool families and sharing our classroom home with you. Seeing our families join Arroyo Grande United Methodist Church for its annual ice cream social was also a great joy.

In April, we learned about different artists. Children were excited to pretend to be doctors and nurses. They learned to wait for their turns patiently. We used visual aids like timers and a name list to help them be successful. Children planted a greenhouse for an herb garden with Ms. Maddy. It was a great way of learning about plant life-cycle. As we approach May, the weather change day may start out overcast and end warm. Please make sure your child has an extra change of clothes and layers for the day. We are working especially hard to put our jackets on all by ourselves, starting with turning the sleeves right in. Practice with your child at home, and you will see how proud they are to do it all by themselves. Children have also shown special



interest in bugs, especially as our wall of flowers blooms and attract caterpillars in the school's backyard. We will still be reviewing the life cycle of the butterfly. In May, we will take this interest and do fun art activities like bug painting, color sorting with bugs, etc. May is the

month to acknowledge the love of all moms, grandmothers, and aunties. Children will work on a special art project to show their love to wonderful ladies. I want to wish all the class moms, grandmas, aunties...

***A Very Blessed Mother's Day.***

***Mothers are like glue. Even when you can't see them, they're still holding the family together.*** —Susan Gale.

Thank you to all of our families for entrusting us with the care and education of your children.

In love, light, and learning ~Ms. Swati

**Ms. Shirley and Mrs. Cindy Bo's Toddler Class**

Spring is here, and the children are very aware of the many changes happening in their surroundings. They've seen strawberries starting to grow in our gardens in the courtyard. They also noticed the butterflies and caterpillars on the vine in the backyard. This allows us to talk with the children about the butterfly's lifecycle.

In April, we planted wheat grass and watched it grow tall. Children had fun watering the baskets of grass and giving their grass a haircut before taking them home for Easter. The children watched and waited to see whose bean sprout would sprout on the window. In the block area, the children spent time building houses for the pretend bugs that were also in the block area. Dramatic Play was set up for pretend gardening with pots, shovels, gloves, and flowers. The children took turns wearing the spring hats around in the classroom and outside in the courtyard.



Thank you for coming and supporting our Open House and Children's Center Sunday. At Open House, the children were so excited to explore with you and give you a tour of the classroom, especially the artwork on the walls and the bulletin boards. Many of our toddlers and their families also visited the Preschool class on this special night. Together, they explore the class they will transition to in July. At Children's Center Sunday, the children sang in church. After church, we had a fun Art Show, Silent Auction, and an Ice Cream Social.

In May, we will honor all the moms for Mother's Day. We, as teachers, appreciate everything you do for your child. As our year is winding down, we will be looking forward to spending these last few months with your precious little ones. Each child has brought us such joy, and we feel blessed to