

# Children's Center Chronicle

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center visit us on the web at [worshipweekly.com](http://worshipweekly.com) July 2023

**Parent Orientation Night**  
Wednesday July 12th  
From 6:00 -7:00 pm  
in Criswell Hall



## BIBLE STORY TIME

WED. JULY 12 & THURS. JULY 13 AT 9 AM IN THE NARTHEX

We will read "The Voice at Night", from the Beginning Bible. 1 Samuel 3.  
Our "Moral Teaching" is "Responsibility".



## Parking Lot Safety

**SPEED LIMIT IS 5 MPH**

Did you know it is unlawful...

- 1) ..to leave children, **under the age of 12**, alone in a vehicle?
- 2) ..to leave your vehicle running, unattended?

## WISH ITEMS

- 1 GALLON OF BUBBLES
- CASE BABY WIPES
- GALLON OF DRINKING WATER
  - 5 OZ DRINKING CUPS
- 10 CRAYOLA WASHABLE MARKERS
- 8 LARGE CRAYOLA WASHABLE CRAYONS

## Message from Ms. Maddy

Welcome to AGUMCC's 18th year! We are so glad that you have chosen AGUMCC to provide your child with the best care and early childhood education. Currently, our program has 32 students. Word of mouth is our best advertisement. Thank you for telling others about us! We still have openings in our Preschool Class for children who can use the toilet successfully on their own and 3 years of age by September.



**Share your summertime fun with us.** Bring pictures or souvenirs to share from your family travels. Summer is a busy time for many families, as well as for the staff. Please let your child's teacher know if they will not be attending school due to vacation or illness. Teachers record absences related to illness on their classroom illness log.

**We appreciate your support in helping to keep everyone healthy.** A well-balanced diet, plenty of rest, and regular hand washing are **KEY** to happy and healthy children, families, and staff. At the beginning of each day, we ask that your child use hand sanitizer or wash his/her hands when entering the program. As we travel from place to place, we also bring germs with us, and we'd like to keep them from spreading as much as possible. Please have your child use sanitizer or wash hand when he or she enters or leave the program. This will help prevent bringing in or taking germs to and from school.

**What makes AGUMCC different from other childcare centers?** We offer a low child-to-teacher ratio. In the toddler program, we maintain a 4:1 ratio. In our preschool and TK classes, it is 6:1. We pride ourselves on having a quality program that offers an Emergent Curriculum. Emergent means following the children's lead and introducing new and exciting activities to sustain the children's interests over time. This type of curriculum is socially and intellectually engaging and personally meaningful to the children.



Do you know someone or business that would like to be our next month's

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**Call Maddy at 805-481-2223**

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

Welcome! Welcome! Welcome! We are so excited about the new school year and getting to know all our new children and families. We are so looking forward to a new year of fun and learning! At Orientation night, we will hand out our information packets with more details about what to expect in TK. This month's focus is primarily on getting to know one another better and becoming familiar with the classroom expectations and routines while exploring what the TK environment offers through activities, books, art projects, and outdoor fun. We cannot wait to get to know all of you better as we begin our journey of preparing the children for kindergarten. We will also cover the kindergarten preparation during orientation so you know our end-of-the-year goals. But that is a long way off. You will be amazed at the amount of development, growth, and learning your children will undergo in the next several months! But the focus right now is simply on learning about one another and enjoying some summertime fun! Thank you for the opportunity to care for your amazing children. Let the fun and learning begin! ~ Ms. Andrea



### Ms. Lindsey & Ms. Swati's Preschool Class

Welcome to the 2023-2024 year of Preschool at AGUMCC! As teachers, we are excited to welcome new friends to AGUMCC and welcome back our graduating Toddler Class. I have sent home a welcome packet that tells you all about our preschool class. This packet includes helpful information regarding classroom expectations, the classroom environment, and curriculum information. Please take time to read the packet and contact me with any questions you may have. We will talk more about our classroom on parent orientation night. We can also be reached on the Child Pilot app and will return messages as soon as possible. Please make sure to send an extra change of clothes for your child to keep at school in case they are needed. For our nappers, please send a fitted sheet, a small blanket, and a small stuffed animal or doll if needed.

This month, we will focus on the fun time in summer through story and sharing of experiences. For sensory, we have kinetic sand with beach toys. We will do summer and beach arts and crafts. We will ease the children slowly

into the routine. This month we will work on building relationships and knowing our new friends as they transition. We have sent home a poster board for you to do "A Family Board" project together. This board should include pictures of your child, their name, and pictures of their families. They can also include stickers, drawings, pictures of pets, and anything they feel is special to them. Once your "Family Board" finished please returned it to school. We will be laminated it and make it available for your child to have in the classroom. July is all about getting to know each other as a new class. We will discuss some of the classroom expectations. Our primary focus will be our class's three "rules": "**We are kind, safe, and respectful.**" If we follow these primary rules, the class will be enjoyable for everyone. I look forward to the spectacular opportunity of teaching this class of amazing kids. ~In love and learning. Ms. Swati Gupta

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

We want to welcome all our new and returning children and families. Cindy Bo and I are excited to get to know your precious children for the new school year. This month we will center on learning about what the children are interested in and how unique each child is. We have an ocean theme set up this month. We will change the environment each month based on the children's interests. This is another way we can get to know each child individually. As we start this year, we want you to feel comfortable leaving your child with us. Your child may cry and cling to you at first. We have found that having a brief and predictable drop-off routine can make the transition easier in the long run. We also have a Good Bye window, where your child can watch you go, and we will comfort them as you leave. In addition, we will contact you via ChildPilot to tell how your child is doing. Communication is key, whether through ChildPilot, the phone, or face-to-face. We are here for you and your child. Your child is a precious gift from God. We are blessed to have the honor of learning about each other and developing our newfound relationship. ~ Blessing to all, Ms. Shirley