

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message from the Director, Ms. Maddy

Star, the Pony, is coming on Wednesday, October 11, and Thursday, October 12, at 9:00 a.m. for the toddler group, 9:35 for the Preschool Group, and 10:00 for the TK group. If your child has a sibling, they are welcome to come and have their picture with Star too. See last year's pictures in your child's classroom or in the office. There is no obligation to purchase. Every child will get their picture taken. You can decide whether or not you'd like to buy them after seeing them. If your child does not attend school on Wednesday or Thursday, you are welcome to come and stay with your child to have his/her picture taken.



Come to Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 29, from 3 PM to 5 PM in the Church Parking lot. We will have cars decorated for children to visit and get a treat. There will also be Games, a Bake Sale, a Pumpkin Dessert Contest, a Pumpkin Carving Contest for adults, and a Pumpkin Decorating table for the children.



REMINDERS:

- **Check your Family Folder** in your child's classroom and **Childpilot** for daily **Messages or Activities** to avoid missing any information or pictures of your child having fun at school.
- **30-Day Notice Policy.** If you need to change your "Child Care Agreement," it is required to give a 30-day written notice.
- **The Parking Lot Speed Limit is 5 MPH.** This is for everyone's safety.
- **Be cell phone-free** when dropping off or picking up your child. This is important to help your child transition to or from school.
- **AGUMCC does not celebrate Halloween.** Please save your costumes for after school fun

GOODIE BEAR & BIBLE STORY TIME WED. OCT. 4 AND THUR. OCT. 5

We will read Mathew 14:13-21, "The Big Picnic," from the Beginning Bible. This story is about a boy who shared his lunch with Jesus when he preached to the multitudes. Our "Fruit of the Spirit" teaching is on **Kindness**. Being kind to others is showing God's love to one another.

Mark Your Calendar

Friday, October 6, - STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY AND SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY. Wear your school T-shirt, to show your school spirit. **SCHOOL WILL CLOSE AT 3:30 PM.**

Wednesday Oct. 11 and Thursday, Oct. 12 - PICTURE DAYS, WITH "STAR", THE PONY.

Toddlers @ 9, Preschool @ 9:35, TK @ 10

"Friends of the Children's Center Year End Giving Campaign for 2023".

Help make a difference in a child's life in 2024. You or someone you know can give a one-time donation or become a monthly sponsor by visiting www.agumcc.org and clicking the **GIVE NOW** Button or use the QR



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Ms. Elvia's TK Class

Wow, time is flying by. September has been a month of a lot of learning and fun in the TK classroom. We have now introduced the letters D, E, and F from our Zoo Phonics and the associated animal the children like because they ask if they can hold or hug it. Along with the letters, children learn the name, sound, and movement and come up with words that begin with the letter we introduce. We also discuss whether it's an uppercase, lowercase letter, vowel, or consonant. Children have created many art projects, including dinosaur marble art, name finger painting, and decorated Elmer Elephant. In addition, we introduced the shapes Sandy Square and Ricky Rectangle, so ask the children what shapes we are learning in class. Moreover, children enjoyed the different classroom activities, such as the sensory bin, making their own apple pies with red, green, and yellow apples and pom poms. Children are having fun in the Farmers Market dramatic center, taking the roles of a cashier and customers as they shopped for fruits and vegetables. With that in mind, the children were working on sorting as they sort the fruits/veggies based on their color and decide whether it's a fruit or vegetable. A favorite game children enjoyed was a matching memory game with apple cards, which involves turn-taking, patience, counting pairs and then deciding who had the most.

Thank you to all the parents for meeting with me in person or through Zoom for a Parent/Teacher Conference. This was a special time for me to share with you your child's progress so far.

We will focus on our Zoo Phonic letters G, H, and I in October. In addition, our theme for the class will be Pumpkins. We will also introduce sorting/ classification using pumpkins. We will be incorporating triangles in our art. Lastly, our moral teaching will be on Kindness. We will read books about "Kindness" during group time, point out when children show kindness towards others, and brainstorm some ways to be kind to others. ~Ms. Elvia

Ms. Liz and Ms. Swati's Preschool Class

The Fall is finally here! We have all been anticipating the upcoming holiday season starting with this wonderful month of October. Our class is already excited and talking about how their families' celebrate Halloween. AGUMCC does not celebrate Halloween. However, we still have plenty of fun and excitement celebrating the Autumn Season. We will have children bring small to medium-sized pumpkins that they can carry. We will be using them to measure and weigh. We will do a counting activity using pumpkin seeds.

Our dramatic play area in the classroom has been transformed into our Preschool Pumpkin patch. We can pretend to farm and harvest pumpkins and sell them in our shop. This is a favorite activity, as children often pretend they are at Avila Barn. We will also focus on pumpkin science this month, including the pumpkin's life cycle. We will even try to sprout pumpkin seeds for the children to bring home, and hopefully, they will grow into plants. At the end of

the month, we will explore our senses as we carve a pumpkin together.

We are so lucky to live in an agricultural community; many of us have gardens at home. Another one of our themes for the month will be a focus on growing and eating healthy fruits and vegetables. We will introduce the different food groups and discuss what we enjoy eating. This is another way we can connect with families at home.

I want to extend an extra special Thank you to all our preschool Families. Miss Liz and I greatly enjoyed meeting with you to discuss your child's development during conferences. As teachers, our jobs are enjoyable when such caring families are so invested in their children's education.

In love, light, and learning Miss Swati Gupta

Ms. Cindy Bo and Ms. Shirley's Toddlers

First, let us thank you for taking the time to meet with us for parent-teacher conferences. It is always so helpful for Shirley and me to hear about how your child is growing and learning at home and to share with you the special ways we have seen them learn and grow at school. Of course, we also appreciate getting to know you better too.

Shirley and I would love to have some assistance with a few classroom tasks. Please let us know if you would like to help regularly or with an occasional need. We could use help with things like class laundry, making playdough, toy or book repairs, etc.

In September, the toddlers really enjoyed the wild animal activities, such as "being swallowed by a boa constrictor." Many of the children were hesitant to step into the boa constrictor pillowcase at first and later, were eager to participate. They had fun discovering the monkeys hanging in the classroom environment and pointing them out to family members as they entered the room, too. They all enjoyed sensory, art, and other activities as they played alongside and interacted with one another.

Since the children have had such a good time exploring with wild animals, we will continue sharing wild animal stories, songs, and activities for a couple more weeks. We will then introduce farm animals to our environment and include them in our curriculum plans. We will also add pumpkins and gourds to our classroom environment for the children to explore and other fun fall activities. Stay warm and enjoy this special season with your family.

Blessings always, Cindy Bo

COME TO TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 29 from 3 to 5 PM.

What to See and Do

- * TREATS, * GAMES, DESSERT CONTEST
- *PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST (for adults)
- *PUMPKIN DECORATING (for children)