

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 to benefit your child during this precious learning and development time.

February is Enrollment time for our 2024-2025 session, which begins July 1, 2024. Registration information for currently enrolled families will be in your child's family folder later this month. Registration and payment are due by February 23rd. See me for an additional "Registration Form" if you have a second child on our "Waiting List." You can also enroll him or her at this time. I will contact families on our "Waiting List" starting March 1, 2024. Also in the 2024-2025 school year we will be expanding the enrollment for more children between 2-4 years old as we seek additional staff. Next year, will have a Toddler Class, a Young Preschool Class, and an older Preschool/TK class.

A Tuition Increase will take effect on July 1, 2024. It will be an overall 3% increase 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 a committed to work with children. Also, we work hard to create quality interactive environments in the classroom and outside by using tools to evaluative and assessment: 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. 7 and Thurs. Feb 8 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 1-** 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 19-** **PRESIDENT'S DAY.** School will be closed.

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Ms. Elvia's Pre-K Class

We welcomed the New Year in January, the TK class theme was winter. Therefore, many areas in the classroom included activities such as arctic animals. Children enjoyed the block area and worked cooperatively to create a home for the polar animals. It's been amazing to see them work together and use their imagination to get creative when building and using all the blocks available in the area. Also, we watched videos learned about animals that live in the Arctic and how they can survive in the freezing weather. For art, children made their own unique Snowy Owls, which goes along with our letter of the week, "O." They used black and orange paint and learned about the method of line of symmetry to create penguins.

It's that time of the year to prepare for Spring Conferences. Therefore, we have started assessing the children and see where your child is grown and developed this year.

For February, Our Bible story will focus on "Love," and the story will be "Jesus Loves the Little Children" Matthew 19:13-15. Since it's the month of friendship and love, we will talk about our love and friendship toward others and Jesus' love toward all of us. In addition, learn about bugs, focus on the heart shapes, and continue with our Zoo Phonics letters R, S, and T.

Ms. Swati and Ms. Liz Preschool Class

Happy February! Can you believe January is over and gone? Last month, our preschool class enjoyed celebrating the winter and bringing in the New Year. We talked about winter in California and how it is different. Some place get snow and other places don't. Where we live, we get rain, high tides, and ice on the leaves. In the classroom, we had pictures of California weather posted on the wall. We also talked about what the weather felt like outside. We asked each student if it felt cold or hot. Also, we learned about the colors black and white by doing various art projects.

This month, we celebrate Love and Friendship. We will talk in class about how we can show that same love and friendship for each other and our families. We will discuss what we can do to love and protect our environment. We will also explore how Valentine's Day is a day to celebrate love and friendship. We are working on recognizing letters in each child's name through projects like making a snowman name and stomping and clapping out the letters in individual names. We will be working on various fun heart projects during art time. Also, children will have the opportunity to write letters and put them in the pretend mailbox in the classroom.

March is Parent/Teacher Conference time. To prepare for conferences we will work with the children

for their spring assessments and documenting all their amazing skills. In addition, Ms. Liz or I will contact you to find out when would be a good time to meet with you in person or on Zoom during the month of March.

Thank you to all the families for trusting us with this world's greatest treasure, our children.

In love, light and learning, Swati Gupta & Liz Delory

Ms. Shirley and Ms. Cindy Bo's Toddler

Entering our second month of the new year, we are happy to see our toddler room back to full attendance. Many have returned following long vacations or illnesses. Here's to a happy and healthy February! It has been exciting to see how much this group has grown and developed. They are developing language skills that have helped them communicate and interact with each other in such skillful and endearing ways, using each other's names, offering others a turn, etc.

In January, our group noticed and talked about the weather changes and how to stay warm or dry on such cold or rainy days. The children had a blast throwing "snowballs" in the air as they shouted, "Happy New Year." They had fun using the flannel board pieces from "It Looked Like Spilt Milk" to identify the different shapes of clouds. They also imitated rain sounds with their hands, from a quiet sprinkling sound to a loud pouring sound, as we sang "It's Raining, It's Pouring."

Also last month the toddlers explored with their senses through various activities such as painting, exploring ice in the sensory tub, and playing various instruments as part of the "New Year's Band" on the platform stage in the courtyard.

February is our "Friendship Month," so we will continue to encourage the toddlers in their positive interactions and developing friendships. We will provide more group activities and opportunities for working cooperatively together. Miss Shirley and I will work on helping your children learn how to communicate, negotiate, and problem-solve more successfully, too. We will have our annual "Friendship Breakfast" on Wednesday, February 14, so please save the date. This is a event inviting you to join your child and their friends for an hour of special activities and breakfast together. Details and sign-ups will be out soon. Shirley and I will also be preparing for parent-teacher conferences coming up in March. We will have sign-ups for that soon, as well.

With thankfulness for God's goodness and for all of you, Cindy Bo

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We greatly appreciate the support we get from those who take home the laundry to be cleaned.