



### Message from Ms. Maddy

Friendship and Love are the foundations to building strong relationships. This month we will be sharing the importance of friendship and how to show friendship to one another. It is through the love of one another that friendship is fostered. Each classroom will also be hosting a "Friendship Party", which we hope you will be able to participate in some way with your child. Please look for the sign-up, in your child's classroom, and talk with your child's teacher, to find out details pertaining to this fun event. It is our hope that you see, through our actions and words, how the staff of AGUMCC, have love for you and your child. We feel blessed that you have entrusted your greatest gift to us and we sincerely desire to foster a growing relationship, that will benefit your child during this precious time of learning and development.

**AGUMCC is going to try a NEW Fundraiser instead of our Annual Golf Tournament.** We are going to expand our newsletter to have an advertisement page. The circulation of our newsletter reaches 460 families. A business card add that is 2"x3.5" would be \$25 a month. We are also going to offer yard signs for advertisements that are 2'x3' for \$100 per month. One sign will be displayed at the entrance to our school each month.

**Family Fun Night is back!! Friday, March 13 from 6:30 -8:00 pm.** We are going to have a pizza dinner at 6:30 pm and boat races starting at 7:00 pm in Criswell Hall. Pizza dinner is \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids. Boats are \$5. See the attached flyer for details. Our goal is to raise \$500 to help the staff attend the CAEYC conference in Pasadena on April 23 -25, 2020. Mark your calendar, school will be closed on April 23 -25 for Staff Development.

**March is Enrollment time for our 2020-2021 session, which begins July 1, 2020.** For families who are currently enrolled, registration information will be put in your family folders and registration forms 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 are able to register him or her, at this time, as well. I will contact families on our "Waiting List", starting April 1, 2020. We look forward to welcoming new families to our program. Most of our new families start with us in the toddler groups. However, there are usually a few spaces available for new families to join us in the preschool and Pre-K groups, as well.

**A Tuition Increase will take effect July 1, 2020.** It will be \$1 a day across the board to provide a cost of living increase to our staff.

**It is always good to plan ahead when looking for a quality program.** We pride ourselves on having an educated staff, that have a love for and commitment to young children. Also, we work hard at creating quality interactive environments, both in the classroom and outside. We follow standards set by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), which include using the following evaluative and assessment tools: Environmental Rating Scale; Desired Results; Classroom Assessment System; and Ages and Stages. **Thank you to our staff, families, church and board members, for all your time and dedication, in making this a great program.**

#### **BIBLE STORY AND GOODIE BEAR TIME**

This month, we will share the story "The Children", from the Beginning Bible, Matthew 19:13-15. Goodie Bear and Ms. Shirley will share our "Fruit of the Spirit" teaching on "Love". This wonderful time together will be shared on **Wednesday & Thursday, Feb 5 & 6, at 9:05AM, in the Church Narthex.**



#### **Fruit of the Spirit Focus for the Month: Love**

**Love is something that we cannot touch but we can express and experience it in our interactions with God and others. At school, we are learning to grow friendships with one another through loving actions and words.**

#### **Dates to Remember**

- **Friday, February 7- 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.
- **Selected days in February - FRIENDSHIP PARTIES"** Please check with your child's teacher for details.
- **Monday, February 17- PRESIDENT'S DAY.** School will be closed.
- **Friday, March 13th FAMILY FUN NIGHT 6:30 -8:00 PM** in Criswell Hall.

### Ms. Maddy and Ms. Rebecca's Pre-K Class



Hello! As children return to school from winter vacations, we encourage you to re-establish routines, as returning to school after a week away, can be hectic. Our class has been exploding with exciting things! The children have been growing in both their cognitive and motor skills. It is amazing how quickly the Pre-K students have begun to master skills such as writing their names and understanding concepts such as more vs. less. We have begun exploring what it means to live in different parts of the world. We encourage you to talk with your children about where they live and how it can be similar or different from other places in the world. Endless questions about how things are made have also been flowing Ms. Rebecca's and my way. Remember to talk to your children about our world and things happening around them, as their minds are SO curious! The Pre-K class will be having a "Friendship Lunch" on **Wednesday, February 12**. Please look for sign-ups and additional information in the classroom. As I say goodbye to the children, families, and staff, here at AGUMCC, I want to say a big "THANK YOU!" for all that you have done for me. Overall, I feel blessed to have had all of you in my lives, even for such a short time. I will greatly miss all of your children and they will always have such a special place in my heart!

~ Ms. Ashley

### Ms. Andrea and Ms. Elizabeth's Preschool Class

We have had so much chilly fun this past month of January. There was a definite change in the air as we really began to experience winter. There were a few rainy days where we were able to play inside with our special rainy-day activities. There were many windy days where we jumped into huge piles of leaves. Unfortunately, there were also many sick days with the change of the weather and many children (and teachers) in the class were missed while they were getting better. We started off the month sharing stories of our winter break. The children were ecstatic to tell of their holidays with their families. We spoke of presents, food and music in our homes. Many children had traveled and all were eager to get back in the classroom to tell of their travels. Later in the month, as many of our friends returned following illnesses, children were interested in learning about visiting the doctor and ways to stay healthy; like covering your cough and washing hands. Some of our kids have even learned how to be expert nose blowers! (It's a hard concept to learn for little ones.) We also began our 5 senses explorations, in the science center, with January's focus on sound. The children brought home a sound jar to bring back to school with something from home in it and we were delighted to hear what they brought. This month's focus on smell will be equally exciting. In addition to these exciting activities, we also learned about the letters Ll, Mm, and Nn. We made lists of different letter words and found the

letters in our names. Last month our classroom was also adorned with black crescent moons which were done in a collage style and represented our shape for the month. Shape stampers and paper punches were introduced into the art area which was eagerly explored. The children mixed our colors of the month, black and white, to make grey and did dandelion prints with brushes on white paper. We look forward to another amazing month of fun creative learning and exploration. We also look forward to our "Friendship Lunch" that we have planned for **Friday, February 14**. Please look for sign-ups and additional information in our classroom.

~Ms. Elizabeth

### Ms. Shirley and Mrs. Swati's Toddler

As we rang in the New Year, the older toddler classroom was busy embracing the winter season. The children enjoyed putting scarves, hats and mittens on as they played in our classroom. A favorite place to stop was in our dramatic play area, where it was transformed into a "Hot Cocoa Shop". They enjoyed taking orders and serving each other. For art they made 2020 bells, snowflakes, painted with ice. They also played with ice in the sensory table. Penguins, polar bear and other arctic animals were also a hit. In February we will be having a "Friendship Breakfast" with you and your children. This will be hosted on Thursday, **February 13th**. You can have your child bring in valentines to exchange, during this special time. If you'd like, they may bring in enough Valentines for ten children and two teachers. A sign-up sheet to help provide food and other necessities will be available in the classroom. We'd like to ask that you please send your child with a coat to wear, while at school. The weather changes all the time, even if it's warm when your child arrives, the fog can roll in fast or it may become chilly, later in the day. Thank you for all your caring and support. To us, as teachers, we really appreciate it. *Blessings Always.*

~Ms. Shirley

### Cindy Bo's Young Toddlers

In January, The Young Toddlers showed a lot of interest in our "Music & Movement" and "Song & Story" Times. Many of them were requesting favorite songs or stories, by pointing to the CD player or a book and using simple words associated with them. They were also demonstrating more of their language skills, as they expressed their interests, recalled things they had learned and actively participated in these special small group experiences. They would select instruments, scarves, or bean bags to prepare for these special times, as well. It made for a very fun month together. This month, our class will be having a "Friendship Day Potluck Breakfast". Families are invited to join their children for a meal and activities. Look for sign-ups in the classroom, as well as more information, in your family folders. Our "Friendship Breakfast" is planned for **Wednesday, February 12**, and is sure to be a special time, for all who are able to attend. This is a good month to take the opportunity to acknowledge what God tells us, in His word: "We Love because He first Loved us" (1 John 4:19). Love to you all!

~Cindy