

# Children's Center Chronicle

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center [www.agumcc.org](http://www.agumcc.org) April 2022

## Message from Ms. Maddy

Welcome Spring. Life seems to be returning to how it was before the COVID-19 Pandemic changed our world more than two years ago. This month we will be hosting an OPEN HOUSE on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 -7:30. This will be an excellent time when the children and teachers can share the importance of play, exploration, and learning that occurs each day. The children will share their learning activities and the different areas of interest in their classrooms. Families can visit your child's classroom and the next classroom your child will be in starting July 5, 2022.

We will have an **Art Show and Ice Cream Social** on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Each class will make a co-operative art piece that will be sold through a Silent Auction. Get your bidding number from Ms. Maddy and start your bidding April 19<sup>th</sup>. Bidding will end Sunday, April 24 at noon in Criswell Hall. Our program is truly blessed to continue providing the best care to children and their families. Tell others about our program. We have openings in our Preschool and TK Class for the next session that will start Tuesday, July 5, 2022.

Now that current families have registered for our next session, I will contact families on our "Waiting List" to join our program. Families not on our "Waiting List" can join us in May. If you have another child of a sibling already enrolled, please get in touch with me if you are interested in him/her joining our program or to put him/her on our "Waiting List."

**It is always good to plan ahead when looking for a quality program.** We pride ourselves on having an educated staff who have a love and commitment to the development of young children. Also, we create interactive environments, both in the classroom and outside. Additionally, our Pre-K program follows the guidelines set forth by the Department of Education, which is designed to help children successfully enter Kindergarten. **Thank you to the staff, the families, the church, and the board members, for all their time and dedication in making this a great program!**



**Thank you to our April**  
Friends of the Children's Center Sponsor  
**Bill and Sally Weitkamp**

**New Life &  
Springtime Discovery**  
*Things that slither, fly,  
crawl, and hop. Oh my!*



## DATES TO REMEMBER

**WED. APRIL 13TH IS A MINIMUM DAY.**  
PICK UP CHILDREN BY 12:00 PM  
**THURS. APRIL 14TH AND FRI. APRIL 15TH**  
SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR EASTER BREAK.  
**WED. APRIL 20TH**  
OPEN HOUSE FROM 6:30-7:30  
**SUN. APRIL 27 11:30 -12:00**  
ART SHOW AND SILENT AUCTION

## BIBLE STORYTIME

Our story, from the Beginning Bible this month is "Jesus is Risen", from Matthew 28:5-10.

**"Fruit of the Spirit" is Goodness.**  
*"Do good and share with others is pleasing to God."*

Hebrews 13:16

## Ms. Rebecca and Ms. Elvia's TK

Hi everybody! I hope all of you have had a chance to welcome Ms. Elvia, my new teaching partner in our TK classroom. We are glad to have her and I can't wait to see the great things we will do together. I had a wonderful time meeting with everyone for parent/ teacher conferences as we discussed all the children's progress and talked about their move to kindergarten, which is in just 13 weeks. For April, we will be working on letters X, Y, and Z and working on our cognitive and social-emotional skills. As life starts to return to normal for us, we are excited to reintroduce our silent art auction. The TK will collaborate to create a beautiful piece of artwork that we hope you will love, want to bid on, and have a treasured memento of your child's time here at AGUMCC. ~Ms. Rebecca

## Ms. Elizabeth and Ms. Swati's Preschool



April is here, and so is the Spring weather! 2022 is already flying by. Our preschool class has grown in so many ways! Thank you to all the families for meeting with Ms. Swati and myself regarding your child during our Springtime conferences. We know it isn't easy to juggle schedules in addition to meeting with teachers, and we appreciate your time greatly. When we meet with families, it gives us a chance to connect with you and hear from your perspective how your child is doing at school. It was also an extra special treat to see everyone's faces as masks are now optional. The children have expressed their delight in going maskless daily. Now that we are not covering our faces, our friends need extra reminders to cover their mouths when coughing or sneezing. We like to remind children to use their "wings" to cover their mouths in class. Please reinforce this habit at home to help your child. This is especially true for this time of year. Many of our friends have allergies and are still learning how to manage blowing their noses as well. Extra practice at home will help your child be successful doing this on their own at school.

We have been anxiously awaiting our routines to return since covid. This month we are excited to be hosting our first Open House in 2 years! Join us on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 7:30 to tour your child's classroom, meet their teachers, and socialize with other AGUMCC families. We can't wait to show you all the amazing projects we have done in Preschool.

We would also like to give an extra special thank you to all the families that came to help

on 26th for our Work Day to beautify our school. We appreciate your love and commitment to our school. Everything looks amazing, and our gardens are ready for planting! April begins with our focus on flowers and bugs. We will be growing our class grass and plants while we explore the plant life cycle. We will also discuss how critical pollinating insects like bees and butterflies are to humans. Don't be surprised when your child sharing new scientific language that he/she learned. ~Ms. Elizabeth

## Ms. Shirley and Ms. Cindy Bo's Toddlers

Spring is here, and the toddlers have already been enjoying many of the blessings of spring. They are so excited to discover some of the smallest of God's creatures as they explore our play yards. The lizards and butterflies have been abundant, and there are lots of chasing, observing, laughs and giggles. We talked about the butterfly's life cycle as we read "The Very Hungry Caterpillar," used a caterpillar-butterfly puppet, examined the plastic figures of a caterpillar, chrysalis, and butterfly, and sang a special butterfly song. The children also painted an egg carton caterpillar and a mirror print butterfly. They had the opportunity to plant beans inside a baggie and continue to watch them sprout and grow as they hang in the windows. In April, we will continue to explore the blessings of spring and new life and continue to enjoy planting and caring for our gardens.



Miss Shirley and I would like to thank all of you who could take the time to meet with us for parent-teacher conferences. It means so much to us to have that time of sharing with each other about your children.

May you be reminded that "Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God" (James 1:17) and rejoice in this new month. ~Cindy Bo

### **Wish List**

Bird Seed

9 volt batteries

5 oz paper drink cups

Thin Dry Erase Markers

Regular Dry Erase Markers

2x3 Dry Erase Wipe Board

1 box of 1000 count spoons and forks

3.25 oz or larger container of Cream of Tartar