

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message from Maddy

Summer is here!! Bring your hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, and a comfortable pair of shoes. Flip flops are not considered safe shoes for school because they can cause children to slip and fall during active play. There will be opportunities for water play in the days and months ahead, so please check your child's cubby and make sure an extra change of clothes is available. If your child does not have a change of clothing, when needed, you will get a call to bring a change of clothing as soon as possible, which may not be convenient.

Family Surveys have gone out. Please return your survey by Thursday, **June 16**. The surveys provide us with information regarding what you, our families, think about our program and how we can improve it. I look forward to reviewing the survey feedback and sharing the information in the July newsletter.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, June 23rd. It will be a very busy day! School closes at 12 to host a Promotion Program for all children. This event will be in the Sanctuary, and a Social in Criswell Hall will follow. Look for the Sign-Up Sheet to donate items for the social and help with set up or clean up. **"Visiting Days" June 20-23** -Children will visit their new classrooms during this week from 9 -10 am in preparation for the new school year that will start Tuesday, July 5, 2022.

School will be closed for Summer Break is June 27 to July 1, 2022.

Thank you to the many families who have told others about our wonderful program. The word of mouth is the best advertisement. **We still have openings in the Preschool and TK Classes** for our next session. If you know of someone needing or wanting quality childcare, please let them know about our program. Word of mouth is the best advertisement. We pride ourselves on offering a low child-to-teacher ratio and an educated staff that loves teaching and caring for children.

BIBLE STORY TIME

& GOODIE BEAR

9:00 AM WED. JUNE 1 & THURS. JUNE 2
IN THE SANCTUARY.

Story: "Mary and Martha", Luke
10:38-42, "Fruit of the Spirit": is
"Self Control".

The bible verse is "For the grace of
God...teaches us ... to live self-
controlled, upright and Godly live."
~ Titus 2:11-12

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday, June 3- **STAFF DEVELOPMENT** School closes at 3:30
- Thursday, June 9- **FAMILY SURVEYS ARE DUE**
- Thursday, June 23- **Last Day of School, school closes at noon.**
- Thursday, June 23—Promotion—
- Sunday, June 19—Fathers Day
- Friday, June 24- **School is Closed** for Staff Development.
- June 27-July 1—School is Closed for Summer Break
- Monday, July 4—School Closed for Independence Day

AGUMCC Staff Wish List

- ♦ Gallon jugs of Water
- ♦ Gallon of Bubbles
- ♦ Bird Seed

Thank You to our June

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

Hello TK Families! We are in the home stretch of the 2021-2022 school year, and the children can't stop talking about their upcoming adventures in kindergarten. While there is some trepidation and a bit of nervousness, most of the conversations are filled with excitement and wonder about what it will be like at their new schools.

This past month the children enjoyed making Mother's Day cards and hearing many different stories about moms and how wonderful they are, no matter how different they can be. They also explored some weather phenomena by making a tornado in a jar and watching a "walking" rainbow move on its own from one paper towel to another. We also learned what makes insects different from spiders. Your children should be able to tell you insects have 6 legs, 3 body parts, while spiders have 8 legs and 8 eyes. They also found out that ladybugs are actually beetles and not bugs because they have hard shells and do not have beak-shaped mouths. We learned about bees and how they make honey. Their honeycombs are shaped like hexagons. If a bee lands on you, just blow it away. Lastly, we made our own bubbles, following the recipe's directions very closely by being patient like Mary and Martha.

For the remainder of the school year, we will review the Zoo Phonics letters, their sounds, and how to write them, so the information is fully grounded in their minds before summer begins. We will also do more science experiments. And, of course, we will also be rehearsing our songs for our graduation ceremony as well. Overall, we will spend as much time as we can enjoying each other's company before we go our separate ways and begin new adventures in kindergarten.

Ms. Elvia and I will truly miss this class of children. However, we both believe they are all very prepared and will continue growing and thriving in elementary school! On behalf of all the teachers, thank you for lending us your children and entrusting them with us. We are grateful for the experience. Each child will forever hold a special place in our hearts! ~Ms. Andrea

Ms. Elizabeth and Ms. Swati's Preschool Class

We welcome the summer of 2022 with open arms! Bright sunny days and extra activity time with families are always cherished. We started this amazing year facing new changes, and now we are getting ready for Tk class. Miss Elizabeth and I would like to thank all the families for treating us with wonderful gifts, flowers, and special notes for Teacher Appreciation Week.

Last month we had fun planting grass seeds and even trimming the grass. Children enjoyed mixing colors and learning to make Pastels and Secondary colors. Children had fun putting Mr. Skeleton puzzle together and pretending to take X-Rays. They also enjoyed dressing up as construction workers and fixing stuff around the classroom. The Preschool is gearing up for their moving up to the T-K classroom with Ms. Elvia. They will start with exploring the new classroom during the Week of Welcome, where the children



get to visit the new classroom and familiarize themselves with the environment. We have a few fun projects planned during the last month in Preschool. We want to incorporate color mixing in making tie-dye shirts. Please send a new washed white shirt with your child for our fun end-of-the-year activity.

We want to thank all the families for trusting us with their children. It has been a true blessing to be a part of their life and watch them grow and blossom. It has been an amazing year, and we look forward to many more fun days.

In love, light, and learning, ~Ms. Swati

Ms. Shirley and Cindy Bo's Toddler Class

Welcome summer! It was nice to have a few warmer days in May in which the children could enjoy some fun water-play activities without concern of getting too wet or cold. They continued to help water the gardens, enjoyed the water in their sensory tubs, and practiced their fine motor skills, using spray bottles as well. We had fun reading stories, singing songs, and doing activities associated with pond life animals, such as frogs, turtles, and ducks. The toddlers were excited to paint their "Kiss Boxes" and fill them with kisses as a special Mother's Day gift for moms. We are already thinking of something special the children can make for dads this month that I'm sure they will be excited about, as well.

This is a month of preparation and anticipation as some of our group will be moving on to the preschool class, and new children will be joining us in our classroom in July. Children will be visiting new classrooms, and we will meet new families as they come to visit before their children start with us. We will also be practicing a song for our "Promotion Program" to celebrate this time. If you have any questions about all of this, don't hesitate to ask us about it.

Miss Shirley and I want to thank all of you for the many ways you expressed your appreciation for us during Teacher Appreciation Week. We also want you to know how thankful we are to be a part of your lives. Blessings for a wonderful start to summer, ~Cindy Bo