

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message from the Director, Ms. Maddy

Thank you for choosing AGUMCC for your child's care and early childhood education. We feel blessed by all the families that have chosen our program and continue to tell others about our school. Word of mouth is the best advertisement.

Remember to check your child's Messages or Activities on Child Pilot daily so you don't miss any information or pictures of your child having fun at school.

Cupcake, the pony is coming on Wednesday, October 13, and Thursday, October 14, at 9:00 a.m. for the toddler group, 9:30 for the Preschool Group, and 10:00 for the TK group. If you have a sibling at home, they are welcome to come and have their picture with Cupcake too. Last year's pictures will be on the table for you to enjoy. There is no obligation to purchase. Every child will get their picture taken, and you can decide whether or not you'd like to purchase 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.

REMINDERS:

- **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 so that you are available to help your child transition to or from school.
- **AGUMCC does not celebrate Halloween.** Please save your unique costumes for at-home fun, and do not bring treats to share with others.

Start collecting your pennies and spare change to help families who are in need in our community. Since 2005, this Community Service Project has raised over \$4,000. Last year we raised \$645.80. Our goal this year is to raise \$500. Did you know that for every \$1 you give, it has a value of \$10 at the Food Bank? During the month of November, look for the collection container in your child's classroom. The money we collect will be given to the Five Cities Christian Food Pantry.

GOODIE BEAR & BIBLE STORY TIME

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.

It is time for "Friends of the Children's Center Year End Giving Campaign for 2022".

Please help us make a difference in a child's life each day in 2023. Become or continuing to support the "Friends of the Children's Center. You or someone you know can give a one-time donation or become a monthly sponsor by visiting www.agumcc.org and clicking **GIVE NOW** Button.

Mark Your Calendar

Friday, October 1, - 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. 13 and Thursday, Oct. 14 - PICTURE DAYS, WITH "CUPCAKE", THE PONY.

Toddlers @ 9, Preschool @ 9:39, TK @ 10

Thank You to our October

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Ms. Andrea and Ms. Elvia's TK Class

Wow, time is sure flying, and it is time for teacher/parent conferences to go over your children's progress so far. We will set a time and date and work through changes if those times don't work out. Ms. Andrea and I look forward to seeing you all soon if we haven't yet met for conferences.

September has been a month of lots 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 that 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. In addition, we introduce the shapes Sandy Square and Ricky Rectangle, so ask the children what shapes we are learning in class. Moreover, children are really enjoying the different activities in the classroom, such as the sensory bin by making their own apple pies, making a letter with sand by looking at a letter, the farmer's market dramatic area, and matching games with apple cards. Children also came up with two ideas of how they are respectful. We wrote them on green and red apples and hung them on our Zacchaeus Tree. Children also painted their own core of an apple, which we will hang from the ceiling.

In October, we will focus on our Zoo Phonic letters H, I, and J. 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 kindness books during group time and point out when children show kindness towards others.

~Ms. Elvia

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

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' homes celebrate Halloween. Unfortunately, AGUMCC does not celebrate secular Halloween, but we still have plenty of fun and excitement to celebrate the Autumn Season.

Our dramatic play area in the classroom has been transformed into our own Preschool Pumpkin patch. We can pretend to farm and harvest pumpkins and sell them in our shop. This is a favorite as children pretend they are at Avila Barn, just like they do at home. We will also focus on pumpkin science this month, including the pumpkin's life cycle. We will even watch pumpkin seeds grow as a class to take home to grow into plants, hopefully. 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, and 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 talk about what we enjoy eating. This is another way we can connect with families at home.

This month begins our first month of show and tell. We will send a notice home with more details, but this

will give your child a unique opportunity to help "teach" the class. We will ask the class to bring a photo that focuses on the month's color, letter, number, or shape. Your child will then sit in the teacher's spot and talk about the picture they brought. I thank everyone in advance for your help with this fun activity. With your support and assistance, we have seen your children grow leaps and bounds.

I want to extend an extra special Thank you to all our preschool Families. Miss Swati and I greatly enjoyed meeting with you regarding your child's development during conferences. As teachers, it makes our jobs easier when we have such caring families invested in their children's education.

At the end of this month, we will have an October Pajama Party on Wednesday the 26th. We invite children to come in their pajamas for a fun-filled day and lunchtime picnic. If your child does not attend school that day, you may come to our lunchtime picnic to enjoy the festivities. We are so excited for another amazing month of learning.

In love, light, and learning, Miss Elizabeth Ann Key

Ms. Cindy Bo and Ms. Shirley's Toddlers

September came and went quickly, and we are now entering our fall season. One of the exciting things we have to look forward to is our backyard mulberry tree losing all its leaves and providing wonderful discovery opportunities for the children. They can discover the variety of colors in the large leaves, discover the cause and effect of throwing them in the air, and help with daily raking, too. It's a chore they love to do.

In September, the toddlers had a busy and fun time with our continued wild animal explorations. They also enjoyed new activities associated with trips and travels. We had fun times with cars, trains, planes, boats, and more.

This month we will introduce pumpkins and gourds into our class environment, and we have many songs and stories to add to our fall/harvest explorations and discoveries.

Shirley and I appreciate you taking the time to meet with us for your child's parent-teacher conference. We always get so much out of spending that time with you; "comparing notes" on how your child is at school and home. We also talked about how we can work together to help them grow and develop. Please let us know if you would like recommendations of books or resources that might be helpful for you during these sometimes-challenging years of toddlerhood.

Again, we appreciate you! ~Cindy Bo

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR THE CLASSROOMS:

1 gallon bottles of drinking water

Items to make Playdough: Flour, Salt, Cream of Tartar

Zip Lock Bags: Sandwich, Quart, or Gallon Size