

# Children's Center Chronicle

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## Message from Ms. Maddy:

Each year our school has a **Community Service Project** called "PENNIES FOR TURKEYS." This project helps bring awareness to the needs of others. In October, the children made containers to take home to collect spare change. You can bring your container to school more than once to add to your child's class "Pennies For Turkeys Collection Jar." The money raised will be given to the "Five Cities Christian Women's Food Pantry." They, in turn, will buy turkeys for families in need this holiday season. This is a great way to help others by simply donating your pennies and spare change. Watch and wait to see how Pennies can make a difference in our community. We have raised over \$4,000 since the beginning of this project in 2008. Our goal this year is to raise \$200. *Did you know that every \$1 donated equals \$10 at the food bank?* Please help us make a difference in our community by supporting this special project.



Fall 2022 Family Survey has gone out. You can do it online or use the attached survey for your convenience. Please use whichever method works best for you. Your information will let us know more about you and your child's experience at AGUMCC. Your suggestions are beneficial in improving our program. We aim to offer the best quality program for children, families, and staff. This year there was a new question about your family's median income. This question is for grant writing purposes only.

We have a virtual "Yum-Raiser" selling *See's Candy for the Holidays*. This fundraiser will help us purchase needed supplies and materials for our program. Visit our store front on line from November 1 through November 30, 2022. Orders will be shipped directly to you or to any place you would like. Orders over \$65 are shipped for FREE otherwise, there is a small shipping fee. To shop, visit our Web site at <https://www.agumcc.org> or our Facebook page. You also can use this QR code you see here. →



## Bible Story Time

"Daniel and the Lions", from the Beginning Bible, Daniel 6:10-28.

Wed. Nov. 2 and Thurs. Nov. 3 in the church narthex at 9:00 an,

### Fruit of The Spirit: Faithfulness

*Each day we reflect on God, expressing our thankfulness, as we say a simple prayer, "Thank you God for our food, and our friends, and our families. Amen." This is an act of faithfulness; that the children practice daily.*

## Friends of the Children's Center CAMPAIGN.

Make a difference in a child's life with a "Year End Gift" or Monthly Pledge  
Your tax deductible contribution can secure the future of the AGUMCC program.

### Give two ways:

Safe and Easy on line at <https://www.agumcc.org> and use the GIVE NOW button.

Or mail to: AGUMCC

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## Mark Your Calendar

Friday, Nov. 4 - Staff Development **SCHOOL IS CLOSED AT 3:30.**

It's SPIRIT DAY too! So wear your AGUMCC t-shirt!

Friday, Nov. 11 - **SCHOOL IS CLOSED** to observe Veterans Day.

Wednesday, Nov. 23 - **"SCHOOL IS CLOSED AT 12:00.**

Thursday & Friday, November 24 & 25 - **SCHOOL IS CLOSED** for Thanksgiving Break.



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!**

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

The children very much enjoyed the various fall and pumpkin-themed activities we did in October, culminating with the Pajama Day Party, which they were looking forward to the entire month. Thank you to all the families who donated items and took their time to make the event a big success! Also, thank everyone for bringing a pumpkin to weigh and measure during the party. Our biggest pumpkin was over 5lbs, and our smallest pumpkin was barely 6oz. The children had a great time lining up in order of the heaviest to the lightest pumpkin on party day!

For the month of November, we are going to continue our fall activities but move our focus from pumpkins to acorns. The sensory bin is now full of acorns, miniature squirrels, and some orange, red, and yellow beads. We also have some hungry squirrels in the math area who need to be fed some acorns based on the number they have printed on their tummies. We also have alphabet acorns in the manipulatives area where the children match the uppercase letter with the lowercase letter.

In addition, we will be talking about what we are thankful for as we get closer to Thanksgiving. We will also reflect on faithfulness after hearing this month's bible story, Daniel and the Lion's Den. Daniel was brave because of his faith when the king sent him into the lion's den. He knew God would protect him. Those are the highlights of the month. We hope you and your family have a safe and happy Thanksgiving and want you to know that we are very grateful for every one of the children and families in our class! ~Ms. Andrea

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

November is here. The children have learned so much in the time they have been at school. They care for their own needs, such as cleaning up after themselves after lunch and snack. They are also very proud to show their bubble gloves (soap lather) to their peers and teachers while washing their hands. This month we will work on various art projects like handprint turkey placemats and collage art. The children will continue to practice their cutting skills, learning to recognize numbers and letters. At group time, snack, and lunchtime, children are learning to spell their names and



the names of other children as they pick their jobs for the Job Chart.

Children are showing great interest in pumpkins and leaves. They are excited to make pies, cookies, and coffee in the Diner in our dramatic play. In the courtyard, they are excited to see lizards crawling on the ledge. Children pretend to be dinosaurs and make roaring sounds as they chase each other. Children make treasure maps to find the buried treasure in the sandbox. They also enjoy building an obstacle course and jumping around it.

During this month of Giving, we will talk about how families may celebrate Thanksgiving or other fall holidays. Also, we are learning to be thankful for the things that God has blessed us with. Ms. Daphne and I wish all the preschool families a Very Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving this year. ~Ms. Swati



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

Fall is here, and the holidays are near. October was a month to get into gear for the season's many changes. The children notice that it is getting cooler, our nights are longer, and the days are shorter. They also enjoyed the pumpkins, gourds, and leaves as they change and fall from the trees. We used the pumpkins to measure, weigh, and count. The children noticed the different textures of the pumpkins. Some were smooth and others were bumpy. The children were very excited when I opened the pumpkin and they helped pull out the seeds. I also read the story "The Parable of the Pumpkin." We made a pumpkin pie from scratch with a sugar pumpkin. The children actively helped sift, pour, and measure the ingredients. Then stirred everything together. Eating our pie was the best treat.

Also, last month, Cupcake the pony came to visit. The children had a turn sitting on Cupcake and taking adorable pictures. They enjoyed learning about Cupcake and petting her. As you can see, it was a busy month.

In November, we will be talking about being thankful as we learn and grow together. Cindy Bo and I wish all our families a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving. ~Ms. Shirley