

# Children's Center Chronicle

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## Message from Ms. Maddy



**Happy New Year!** We hope you enjoyed the return of the Children's Christmas Program that we had on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. This was a special activity and time together visiting with the other families of our program. **THANK YOU** to the staff and the children who spent many days practicing their songs in preparation for the fun event for everyone to enjoy.

We feel blessed to continue serving families and providing the best care and early childhood education to the children in our program. We extend a heartfelt **"THANK YOU"** to all the families who have chosen our program. As a quality childcare provider, our staff participates in the Quality Counts program provided through the San Luis Obispo Child Care Planning Council. This service offers our staff continued education opportunities and stipends for their continued professional and educational achievements.

**Do you need extra care from time to time?** If so, fill out an **"Extra Care Form"** and give it to your teacher or me. It is helpful to provide a 24-hour notice to ensure space is available.

**Do you need to change your child's contract?** We understand that changes occur for families. However, we do have a 30-day written notice policy that is required for families needing to make changes regarding their childcare needs. There is always movement in childcare, and spaces for children in our program are limited. With this policy in place, when space does open up for another family, AGUMCC has ample time to notify a new family so they can join our program.

**Please check to make sure your child has a set of Extra Clothes.** Also, this is a good time to evaluate if your child's extra clothes still fit and if the ones in his/her cubby have been there since July.

### BIBLE STORY AND GOODIE BEAR TIME

Wed. Jan. 3 and Thurs. Jan. 4 2023 in the Narthex at 9:00 am.

Bible Story: **"Fish for Breakfast"**, from the Beginning Bible, John 21.

Song: **Joy, Joy, Joy**

The Fruit of the Spirit" message will be about **"Joy"**.

Bible Verse: **"The joy of the Lord is your strength"**. Nehemiah



### Dates To Remember

**Mon., Jan. 16** - School is Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

This is also the last day to order Scholastic Books .



### Friends of the Children's Center CAMPAIGN

Make a difference in a child's life with a  
**One Time Gift or Monthly Pledges**

Your tax deductible contribution can secure the future of the AGUMCC program.

#### Two Ways to Give

1. Safe and Easy on line using the QR code or the GIVE NOW Button at <https://www.agumcc.com>.
2. Mail to AGUMCC 275 N. Halcyon Rd. Arroyo Grande, Ca 93420



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### Ms. Andrea & Ms. Elvia TK Class

December was a whirlwind! We hope that everyone had a blessed Christmas with friends and family! We also hope your time off with your children was filled with laughter and love. Thank you all for the thoughtful gifts. Ms. Elvia and I are honored to be your child's teacher and appreciate your generosity and support of our program and class.

As we look forward to a new year, Ms. Elvia and I will be observing the children to uncover the many interests they have so that we can continue to incorporate them into our curriculum, along with our kindergarten readiness curriculum. We will begin to count up to 100 days of school, including learning to count by tens. We will celebrate when we hit the 100<sup>th</sup> day (sometime in May). We will also place a star symbol on the class birthday calendar so the children can see how many months are left in TK to prepare them for starting kindergarten. Also, this is a good time to reach out to your child's upcoming school to find out when they will conduct their Kindergarten Round-Up. They usually take place in the spring (Mar, Apr, or May) and will give your child a chance to see their potential new school and assess if they should be in a regular kinder class or a kinder/first-grade combo.

We are moving forward with our Zoo Phonics introducing Oo, Pp, and Qq. We look forward to your sharing pictures for these letters in the weeks ahead. Our moral teaching for the month is Joy, so we will also spend our time talking about the things that bring us joy, such as our families and friends, as well as Jesus and his love for all of us. Happy New Year!

~Ms. Andrea

### Ms. Swati & Ms. Daphne Preschool

Happy New Year! We welcome 2023 with open arms and high hopes for a successful and fulfilling year. Thank you to all the families who joined us for our informal Christmas Celebration. It was so much fun watching our friends sing our Christmas songs together. This new year will bring many more social activities, where families can join us at AGUMCC.

This month we begin focusing on winter weather and the changing seasons. Although we don't have snow here, we will discuss winter weather in a warmer climate like ours, where we get rain and frost. We will also enjoy the many leaves that fall from our backyard tree and talk about how plants change in colder months. As we ex-

plore these topics, you may start hearing about new concepts from your child, like hibernation.

To start the new year, we will begin a new routine in the class for you and your child. We will practice tracing their name as one of the classroom activities. This will help enforce the skills of identifying their own name and learning how to trace. Also, it will help with the fine motor skill of holding markers. Children may build houses for the arctic animals using cotton balls and blocks. We will make fun art projects such as the snowman game and making snowflakes.

With the New Year, please restock extra clothes in your child's cubby since they may have outgrown the clothes in their cubby. In addition, please continue sending your child wearing layers of clothing as we are in the seasons of cold months.

Thank you to all of our cherished Preschool Families as we look forward to another amazing year. In love, light, and learning, Swati Gupta

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

We welcome the New Year as our hearts are blessed to start this year, bringing Joy to all as we ring in 2023. In December, the children celebrated Christmas by playing with the Nativity set and singing songs like "Baby Jesus" and "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." They learned how to respect others' space while dancing around the classroom with their teddy bears. The Christmas Program was a big success. The children were so amazing as they remembered the reason for the season by telling us, "It is baby Jesus's birthday." Cindy Bo and I want to thank all the families who came and cheered them on. A special thanks for the wonderful gifts you thoughtfully gave to us. We felt truly blessed.

The children have wanted to be more interactive during morning group, so we will bring stories and songs to life with flannel pieces and other items to keep their interest. In this cold season, we ask that you remember to bring your child a jacket to wear. If they do not want to wear it to school, please bring it and put it in their cubby. We hope your holidays were extra special and you, too, look forward to the New Year with Joy and Peace. ~ Ms. Shirley

### AGUMCC Wish List

Bubbles, Baby Wipes, Salt Cream of Tartar, and Laundry Helpers.