

# Children's Center Chronicle

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## Message from Ms. Maddy

Spring is coming, and it's time to renew our gardens. Children will be involved in this process by cultivating the ground, bringing plants to plant, and watching them grow. *The gardens are an essential part of our learning experience here at AGUMCC.* The children learn to care for and appreciate the wonders of life and the delicate balance of nature. The garden also provides science, at its best, with the budding of foliage, the buzzing of insects, the blooming of flowers, and the harvesting of fruits and vegetables. New plants are always a great addition to our play yards. Please check with your child's teacher to find out when their class will have a special planting day. Also make sure you bring only a non-toxic plant for your child to plant.

**It's Enrollment time!!** Current families can register for our next session, which starts July 5, 2022. Registration is \$150 per student and is due by Friday, March 17th. If you have a second child on our "Waiting List," ask me for an additional "Registration Form." As a current family member, you can also register him/her at this time. I will contact families not currently enrolled and on our "Waiting List" starting April 1. Most of our new families start with us in the Toddler Class. A few families will join us in the Preschool and TK Classes. We look forward to welcoming new families to our program.

**It is always good to plan ahead when looking for a quality program.** We pride ourselves on having an educated staff who love and are committed to young children. Also, we work hard to create quality interactive environments in the classroom and outside. We follow standards set by evaluative and assessment tools: Environmental Rating Scale; Desired Results; and Ages and Stages.

**Effect July 1, 2023, there will be a Tuition Increase.** The increase will help keep AGUMCC open to manage the rising cost of supplies, utilities, and a cost-of-living increase for our great staff.

**March is Parent/Teacher Conference time.** Conferences provide an excellent opportunity for teachers and families to spend about 30 minutes together to share information about your child's growth and development since the fall. It is also a time to review goals and reflect on achievements.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE IMPORTANT UP COMING EVENTS

#### \* ENROLLMENT TIME & FAMILY CONFERENCE TIME\*

#### March

- Friday, March 3- Staff Development and Spirit Day. Wear your school T-shirt to show your school spirit. There is no "Extended Care" on this Day. School Closes at 3:30 PM.
- Sunday, March 12 - Daylight Savings Time. Set your clock ahead 1 hour.
- Friday, March 17 - REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR CURRENT FAMILIES.

#### April

- Wednesday, April 1st - This is a MINIMUM DAY. School is closed at noon.

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### BIBLE STORY & GOODIE BEAR TIME

**Bible Story** from the Beginning Bible is: "The Good Samaritan", Luke 10:30-35,

**Fruit of the Spirit** teaching is "Gentleness".

**Bible Verse:** "Let your gentleness be known to all" (Phil. 4:5)

**Song:** "Be careful little hands"

At school, children are often reminded the importance of being gentle with things and each other.

March is **Register Time** for your child to attend the next school year

**July 5, 2023 - June 23, 2024.**

Registration Information has gone out. Deadline currently enrolled families to turn in your Registration Form and Payment is **Friday, March 17th.**

**"Wait List Families** can start registering in April. Open Enrollment is in May.

### TK Class

February was a fast month, but we accomplished a lot in a short amount of time. The children have been working hard on making special portfolios for you to see at our Parent/Teacher Conferences. Some of the items they worked on were their cutting skills, alphabet knowledge, writing their names, and number concepts. They also challenged their gross motor and locomotor skills by jumping as far as they could, standing on one foot for as long as possible, and running while kicking a ball. We also spent some time talking about what it means to recycle, what kind of foods are considered healthy, and identifying household items that are safe (such as pens, paperclips, and hair rubber bands) versus those that are unsafe (such as candles, the stove, or matches).

Coming up in March, we will be doing our Zoo Phonics lessons on the letters Tt, Uu, and Vv, as well as continuing to work on patterns and introducing some rhyming word activities. Keep bringing in your pictures of the letters we are learning for our Share Book! Plus, spring is soon upon us, so we look forward to spending more time outside and learning about the life cycle of plants and butterflies.

Ms. Elvia and I look forward to meeting with you to talk about your child's progress and the next steps in their development and getting them ready for Kindergarten. Keep an eye out for conference sign-up sheets during drop off and pick up and through Child Pilot. ~Ms. Andrea

### Preschool's Class

We had a fun-packed month of February. We celebrated by having our Friendship Party, exchanging little Valentines, and learning about friendship and love. The class had fun making a variety of fun Heart projects. We also talked about Martin Luther King Jr. and the Chinese New Year. Moving into March, children have been interested in learning about Space through stories and educational videos. Children enjoy the music and movement time with Variety of Space songs where they use their imagination of being in rocket ships and exploring Space. They have enjoyed putting on Astronaut costumes. They are learning how to take turns using a timer and putting their names on a list. We will be



learning about things around us that we need to be gentle with and opportunities when we have shown gentleness throughout the day. We will be doing some fun art activities for St. Patrick's Day.

It is Parent/Teacher Conferences time. We look forward to meeting with you and discussing your child's growth. We will compare Fall Conferences, the areas your child has mastered, the areas they are working on, and how we meet your child's needs. Conferences will be about 30 minutes. Look to Child Pilot and in your child's classroom for updates. Some of us have already met. For those of you whom we haven't met, there will be a sign-up sheet with dates and times that we are available to meet. We look forward to meeting with you.

As you all know, I will be out on medical leave this month and look forward to coming back in April. Ms. Daphne or Ms. Maddy will be leading the class with Ms. Gloria. In light, love, and learning ~ Miss Swati

### Toddler's Class

Spring is in the air, and the children are aware that the weather is changing. In February, the children enjoyed playing doctor or veterinarian in the Dramatic Play Area. They liked wearing doctor coats and stethoscopes. They also took turns sitting in the pretend Waiting Area with the baby dolls, teddy bears, or just themselves, waiting to see the doctor.

We sang "Four hugs a Day" and "Oh, I just want to be a Dog" during music and movement time. Love was in the air as we talked about our families and friends and how special they are to each of us. The children made heart collages with purple, red, and pink painted Love Letters to mail to their families. To celebrate Friendship, we had Friendship Breakfast with families and friends. Thank you to all who made this day such a success. We all felt blessed.

In March, we will talk about spring, look at how things are growing, and watch the life cycle of the butterflies in the backyard. We will continue to have flannel stories, puppets, and stuffed animals for the children to retell stories they have heard. We look forward to seeing the other interest that the children have as they play and discover things in their surroundings.

March is also Conference Month. We look forward to meeting with each of you to share how the children have grown and their school experiences.

Blessings to everyone, ~ Ms. Shirley

### AGUMCC Wish List

- 100% natural grass seed for sensory play
  - Small Planting Pots
  - Six Packs of Flowers
    - Bubbles
  - Gentle Foam Soap Bottles
    - Paper Towel Rolls