

# Children's Center Chronicle

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center

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## Message from Ms. Maddy

Welcome Spring! This month we will be hosting an OPEN HOUSE on Wednesday, April 12<sup>h</sup>, from 6:00 -7:00. You can visit your child's classroom and the classroom their child will be in starting July 5, 2023. Children will show their families around the classroom to share the importance of play, exploration, and learning that occurs each day in the different areas of the classroom and the many activities they can do.

We will also have an **Art Show and Ice Cream Social** on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Each class will make a co-operative art piece to be sold through a Silent Auction. Anyone can get a bidding number from Ms. Maddy and start bidding on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Bidding ends Sunday, April 23, at noon in Criswell Hall.

Our program is truly blessed by families who have chosen our program for their child's early childhood education and care for their children. Tell others about our program. Our Preschool and TK classes have openings for the next session starting Tuesday, July 5, 2023.

Now that current families have registered for our next session, I will contact families on our "Waiting List" to join our program. Families not on our "Waiting List" can enroll in May. If you have another child or a sibling already enrolled, please get in touch with me if you are interested in them joining our program or putting them on our "Waiting List."

**It is always good to plan when looking for a quality program.** We pride ourselves on having an educated staff who love and commit to young children's development. Also, we create interactive environments, both in the classroom and outside. Additionally, our TK program follows the guidelines the Department of Education set forth, designed to help children successfully enter Kindergarten. **Thank you to the staff, the families, the church, and the board members for all their time and dedication to making this a great program!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS—Thurs. April 20 is a minimum day. School closes at noon. Also school will be closed Fri., 21, 2023** - School is Closed for Staff Development. We will attend the CAEYC (California Association for the Education of Young Children) Conference in Santa Clara, CA.

## Easter Celebration Activities

**Palm Sunday**, April 2nd 10:30 -Children waving palm branches to start 2nd Service.

**Easter**, April 9th, 9:30-10:30. —**Easter Brunch** and Pictures with the **Easter Bunny**. 10:30 2nd Service at Sunday School there will be an **Easter Egg Hunt**.

**APRIL is New Life & Springtime Discovery**  
*Things that slither, fly, crawl, and hop.*  
**Oh My!**



## DATES TO REMEMBER

**WED. APRIL 5TH IS A MINIMUM DAY.**

Pick up you child by noon.

**THURS. APRIL 6TH & FRI. APRIL 7TH**

School is closed for Easter Break.

**WED. APRIL 12TH**

Open House from 6:00-7-700

**SUN. APRIL 23RD 11:30 -12:00**

Children's Center Sunday Art show, Silent Auction, & Ice Cream Social

## BIBLE STORYTIME AND GOODIE BEAR

Our story, from the Beginning Bible this month is "Jesus is Risen", from Matthew 28:5-10.

**"Fruit of the Spirit" is Goodness.**

**"Do good and share with others is pleasing to God."** Hebrews 13:16

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

Ms. Andrea and I had a wonderful time meeting with parents for Teacher/ Parent Conferences as we discussed your children's progress and talked about their transition to Kindergarten. We greatly appreciate your valuable time. In March, inside the TK classroom, the children enjoyed the dramatic area, which has turned into a "Flower Shop" as children pretend to water the plants by using plastic spray bottles, creating their own flower vases, and shopping for flowers. In addition, in the sensory bin, which was given a touch of St. Patrick's Day, children enjoy the feeling of the water beads, as the children say they feel "squishy, soft and wet" and have golden rocks and coins. In



the manipulative area, children enjoyed the pot of gold that contains necklaces, green shamrocks, golden and silver coins, and golden and turquoise rocks. Children also had a great time sorting the different items into categories and describing the different colors they saw on the items. During artwork, children made their own rainbow by coloring the inside of a letter R template and created a tree by tearing construction paper (fine motor skills) and gluing it to the letter T template. They also colored the letter S template with tempura stick crayons. So got creative and turned their "S" into a venomous rainbow snake with purple dots.

April is upon us, and that means Spring is here! We will do our Zoo Phonics letters X, Y, and Z. We will continue working with the sounds and creating words that begin with the week's letter. We will also introduce the Hexagon shape and discuss its many sides and corners. In addition, we will continue to practice writing out the numbers and practice writing their name and last name. Moreover, we will learn about the life cycles of plants and butterflies. Lastly, we will have an "Art Show" where the children will collaborate to create a beautiful piece of artwork and learn about the artist.

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

April is here, and so is the Spring weather! This year is going by fast. This month we are focusing on things that grow. We will learn about different bugs, some of which children may discover outside in the backyard and courtyard. We will be planting seeds and watching them grow. We will be talking about some fun vocabulary words like pollination.

Thank you to all the families for meeting with teachers regarding our child during our Springtime conferences. It gave us a chance to connect about children's growth and learning experience. Please help your child to practice two personal care routines. One is for your child to practice covering their mouth when coughing or sneezing. In class, we tell the children to use their "wings" to cover their mouths if they think they will cough. This is a phrase you can use at home to help your child. The second item is to help your child practice blowing and wiping his or her own nose. The latter can be difficult for some children to learn, yet with practice at home,

your child can successfully do these skills at school.

Open House is also this month. We can't wait to show parents around our preschool classroom to notice the amazing artwork/projects the children have been working on. This month, children will learn about artists such as Monet, Kandinsky, Andy Warhol, and Jackson Pollock. Our class will make a representation of Kandinsky circles by creating bottle art flowers for their canvas cooperative Silent Art project. Check with Ms. Maddy for your bidding number to take home the one-of-a-kind art memorabilia. Children will also have other art displayed in Criswall Hall at the Art Show on Sunday, April 23, 2023.

I appreciate all the support from the families.

Thanks, Ms. Swati

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

Welcome Spring! We've seen more rain this time of year than we have in a long time, and it has been fun exploring the effects of the cold weather and rain with the children. We also look forward to exploring the effects of the weather that are likely ahead as we enter this new month.



In March, the toddlers had a lot of fun role-playing as doctors and patients, caring for each other's ailments and injuries with all the doctor tools available in the classroom. During a Band-Aid art activity, they also doctored up the injuries that they drew and painted on a figure of a person. We talked about the different parts and functions of our bodies, too. There were lots of stories, songs, and dances that helped foster learning on this topic.

This month the children will continue to explore and develop their awareness of their bodies and how they work as we also talk about new life, plant growth, and other springtime discoveries. We will send home the wheat grass baskets that the children proudly planted and have been watering, and they will be planting beans in baggies again this year, so they can observe them sprout and grow as they hang in our classroom windows.

Shirley and I always appreciate the time you take to meet with us for parent-teacher conferences. It is truly a blessing to partner with you in supporting your child's growth and development.

Thank you! ~ Cindy Bo

### **Wish List**

Gallon jugs of Bubble Solution

5 oz paper drink cups

1 box of 1000 count spoons and forks

### **Ingredients to make playdough:**

3.25 oz or larger container of Cream of Tartar , Flour , Salt , & Food coloring