

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message from Ms. Maddy

Thank you to our families for choosing AGUMCC for their child's early childhood education and care. Thank you to the staff for their dedication to our program and daily love for the children. Also, I greatly appreciate all the continued support from the First United Methodist Church members to help keep our outstanding school open for our 19th year! We opened on July 21, 2005, as a Christian ministry to serve the community. We are grateful we are still going strong. The Lord has truly blessed this children's center. We are incredibly thankful for all the families who have trusted us with their children's care and education over the years.

Everyone is getting back to a routine after summer. We look forward to a great new school year. Thank you to our school families who have shared with others how happy they are with the quality of care and the low child-to-teacher ratio we offer. A satisfied family is our best advertisement.

We currently have openings in our **Preschool and TK Classes**. If you know someone needing quality childcare, please tell them about our program and have them call to schedule a tour. I give tours after 4 pm Mon. - Thurs. After a tour, they can join our program or put their child on our "Waiting List" for our next enrollment opportunity.

September is Parent /Teacher Conference time. All the families received an Ages and Stages Questionnaire to complete. We hope that the families enjoyed doing the activities with their child. The information you provide will be used as a part of the overall assessment that the teachers will share with you during "Parent/Teachers Conference."

Thank You to our September Friends of the Children's Center Sponsor: Five Cities Rotary Club

Do you know someone who would like to be our next months "Friend's of the Children's Center Sponsor?" Please contact Ms. Maddy

BIBLE STORY & GOODIE BEAR

Wed. Sept. 6 & Thurs. Sept. 7 at 9 am in the Narthex

The Children's Beginning Bible Story is —Exodus 20.

It's a story of Moses going to the mountain to get the 10 Commandments from God. Our moral teaching is: "Be Respectful."



Let us be respectful to one another. There are many ways we can show respect. One is by following rules which can keep us safe. Another way is by using our manners and saying, "Please" and "Thank You." We can be respectful by listening when someone is talking. Also, when you agree to disagree, that is giving each other respect for each others opinions.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Fri., Sept. 1 Spirit & Staff Meeting Day.

School Closes at 3:30

Mon. Sept 4— Labor Day
School is Closed



Ms. Elvia TK Class

August was a very busy time. The children worked on the letters Aa for Allie Alligator, Bb for Bubba Bear, and Cc for Catina Cat, along with various projects. In addition, children have been working so hard on cutting circles, tracing pre-writing lines, and counting and number recognition. We also wrote down ways to be trustworthy on leaves added to the tree that Zacchaeus climbed in our classroom. We have also been looking at different leaves with the magnifying glasses that children brought from home to see how they are different and yet the same. The children also enjoy the construction area in dramatic play, which is shared with the block area. They are building with the tools and the blocks together. They are also having a good time in the sensory bin that had cars, molding spoons, kinetic sand, and rocks. Moreover, in the manipulative area, the children are creatively building cars, airplanes, and houses with the mini Legos. Children enjoy sharing their pictures and answering questions for the letter of the week for "show and tell. Thank you, parents, for your support, and keep sending those amazing pictures with your child.

For September, we will introduce the letters Dd, Ee, and Ff and finalize assessments so that we are ready and prepared for our meetings with you. The children will explore the differences and similarities between squares and rectangles and mix primary colors to make secondary colors. We will discuss ways to be respectful after we hear the Bible story about Moses and the Ten Commandments. We look forward to meeting with all of you during conference time. Be on the lookout for a signup sheet to schedule appointments to meet. See you all soon, and I wish you all the best.

Ms. Liz and Ms. Swati Preschool Class

Happy September to all of our preschool families! It has been an exciting start to the new school year and time is flying by! We have become accustomed to our new class schedule as some older siblings return to school. Thank you, to our parents, for helping your children develop and encourage a meaningful drop-off routine. As they become more comfortable at school, we see our friends have fewer tears and difficulty saying goodbye. We also greatly appreciate everyone's punctuality with arriving. It sets up a very successful day for your child.

The children are beginning to explore the environment and centers, showing an increased interest in our dramatic play area environment. They have been working hard on taking turns and asking each other to play. With the success of last month's Square Sculptures, we will build more 3D art projects individually and as a class. We will also focus on your child's Fall assessments and conferences this month. Thank you for returning the ASQ that was sent

home. It helps us develop a better understanding of your child's development. We look forward to meeting with you and discussing their many successes.

In addition, there are many ways you can help your child have the most successful and engaging day possible at school. We love to go on walks and run outside. Please have your child wear closed-toe shoes that are easy to run in daily. This helps with class safety and encourages fine motor and self-care skills of putting socks and shoes on.

We also get very thirsty in warm weather. Please send your child with a full water bottle every day. We will also fill your child's water as needed.

As breakfast is an integral part of a successful day, we recommend everyone wake up early and enjoy this time together as a family. This month we will begin discussing nutrition and the different food groups. We encourage this dialogue at home. The children love talking about food, and we have found many ways to connect at lunch times. They enjoy making their own choices and feeling accomplished in opening their own containers and packages.

Thank you to our preschool families for their support and trust in us with your children.

Love, Light, and Learning Miss Swati

Shirley and Ms. Cindy Bo's Toddlers

September is here, and the children will be in full gear to enter our fall season. They are getting more comfortable in their school surroundings, which has been a blessing to all. I'm sure you have also felt more comfortable dropping off your child. In August, they enjoyed water play both inside and outside. Inside, the children washed babies and sea animals. They also have been watering the plants in the backyard. We noticed their interest in the cars and trucks outside, so we have transportation items inside. They made car tracks with paint on large boxes they could climb into.

In September, we will celebrate Fall in many different ways and look to see what the children might be interested in. We will also be having conference sign-ups. The conference is a time to get together and talk about the unique and wonderful things your child is doing at school. We will also set goals together for your child to work on for the coming year. We love this time of year because it is when we meet with each of you individually as we talk about your precious child. Blessings, Ms. Shirley

The Nosy Offering raised \$647.65

Thank you to the FUMC Congregation for supporting the **Noisy Offering** after each service during August. Proceeds will purchase classroom supplies for the start of a GREAT school year.

Thank you, *Ms. Maddy*