

# Children's Center Chronicle

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center

September 2009

**Message From Ms. Maddy:**

**Web Sit: [www.worshipweekly.com](http://www.worshipweekly.com)**

We are looking forward to a great new school year. Our traditional school year started Monday, August 31, 2009. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families. This season we have 48 children enrolled. Parent Orientation Night was an informative evening and well attended. If you still have questions, please feel free to make an appointment with either Ms. Maddy or your child's teacher.

**"Welcome Night and Ice Cream Social"** is on Thursday September 10th at 6:30 -7:30 PM. in the courtyard. The ice cream will be provided by the school and families are asked to bring a topping to share. If you would like to help with this event, please see Ms. Maddy. During this time together we will share with you how shopping at Vons, Spencers, and Macys can help out our school through the **"Script"** program. Also, we will have information available on how you can get involved with the many school activities we have planned throughout the year. *Parent participation is the key to the success of our school!*

**"Family Fun Day"** will be coming up in October, with a Trike-A-Thon, BBQ and an Old Fashioned Carnival.



**Family Fun Day  
Trike-A-Thon,  
BBQ and Carnival**

Please ask your child's teacher/caregiver what activity your class has planned for the carnival and see how you can help. There are many ways you and your child can take part in this big event; sell BBQ tickets, buy tickets to play games at the carnival, or participate and get pledges for the Trike-A-Thon. If you collect \$25 in pledges you get 10 free tickets toward games at the carnival. If you collect \$100 in pledges you get a free play pass to the carnival and one BBQ meal ticket.

**Thank you to the volunteers that give of their time for our school!** Thanks to Greta Robbins (Sloan and Troy's Mom), Cynthia Valenzuela (Amelie's Mom), Ms. Anna and her mom Laurie, David Avilas from FUMC, TJ Dobbs, Ryan Myres and Ms. Maddy's daughter Kasie for all your help on our work day. Also, a great big **THANK YOU** to Virginia Mothes, who makes our monthly deposits and to Adaline Bottorff who picks up the laundry every week. If you would like to help out, please contact Ms. Maddy.



**Theme for The Month  
"I Am Special"**

Help us to get to know your family better by completing your child's family collage. If you have not received your collage poster, Please let your teacher know.

**Mon., Sept. 7**  
*School is Closed*

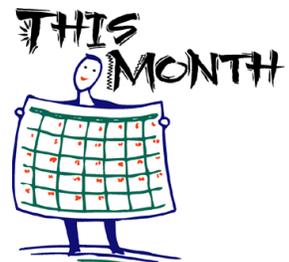
**Thurs., Sept. 10th**  
Welcome Night and Ice Cream Social @ 6:30 -7:30

**Tues., Sept. 15**  
Scholastic book orders due!

**Wed. Sept. 16th & Thurs. Sept. 17th**  
Pony Pictures @ 9:30-10:30

**Thursday September 24**  
Family Fun Day planning meeting 6:30 PM

**Saturday, October 10**  
Family Fun Day Trike-A-Thon, BBQ and Carnival from 11:00 AM to 2:00PM



**Fruit of The Spirit  
\* Kindness \***

"The LORD is righteous in everything He does; he is filled with kindness"  
Psalm 145:17



### Ms. Lori and Ms. Tierra in Room 1

Welcome to Room 1 with Ms. Lori and Ms. Tierra. This month we are asking the families to share a short written account of the day their child was born. By sharing this personal story, we will strengthen the relationships and have our first story time at school as an oral storytelling moment. The outcome of this activity is to reminisce about the day each child was born. We look forward to hearing about each child's special day. Greeting time starts at 8:30. Please arrive before 8:45 so that we are able to share information about your child so that he or she can have a successful day and you feel connected to the program. At 8:45, inside choice time will end and we will be transitioning from inside the classroom to outside at 8:50. **A special note:** Transitions play an important role between activities. It allows children to becoming centered before moving onto a new activity and is a corner stone to learning in the classroom. Also, I will be out of state for the first couple of days and Ms. Pam will be substituting for me, with Ms. Tierra, while I am gone. *-Ms. Lori*

### Cindy Bo in Room 2

We are starting a new school year and I love the opportunity to welcome new children and their families into our program. We have five families who will be part of our Younger Toddler Classroom family. Brooklyn and Charlotte will start in September and Asher, Jonas, and Linnea will join the group next month. We will spend a lot of time just getting to know each other. This is a very important part of, what will be for many, a first time school experience. As we help them learn that each child is special, they will develop a sense of belonging and significance as part of the group. Establishing a consistent and familiar routine will make their day predictable, helping them to develop a sense of security in their new environment. Building a strong primary care relationship will also provide the sense of security they will need during this time of adjustment. I look forward to getting to know you, their families,

### Wish List

\*Laundry Volunteers \* Library Helpers

better and each one of their unique personalities. Welcome and blessings to all!! *-Cindy Bo*

### Ms. Anna and Mr. Paul in Room 3

First, I would like to thank all families for being so warm and welcoming to me as I joined the AGUMCC team this June! I feel so fortunate to have found such as inspiring group of families, children and staff to work with. I am extremely excited to begin the school year with Mr. Paul in Room 3. Mr. Paul and I are glad to see returning families and welcome those who are new to our program. In Room 3, activity times are structured in to the schedule. There are 30 minute intervals which include circle time, choice activities such as dramatic play, sensory, and art/writing areas, as well as plenty of outside time. Therefore, transitions will play an important role between activities, allowing children to think and decompress, while becoming centered before moving on to a new activity. With the school's wide theme of "I Am Special", we will spend September fostering social relationships and embracing the ways in which each child is unique and special. We will also touch on the importance of diversity and discuss similarities and differences. Children will practice name recognition, using language about feelings, wants, and needs, count using apples, squares, and circles, all while having FUN! We are looking forward to it and hope your family is too! *-Ms. Anna*

### Ms. Nichole and Ms. Maddy in Room 4

We would like to Welcome everyone to the Pre-K class. I am excited to start another great year. We will involve the children in learning through journal writing, " Zoo Phonics" and "Everyday Math". The children are really enjoying exploring their new classroom. Remember plenty of rest and good nutrition makes great learners. **It is important for everyone to arrive before 9:00 AM, so we have a great start to our day.** Our class will have a "Share Basket" that will focus on the alphabet letter of the week. It will help us have fun with phonics at home and school. Also, look for take home activities like "The Book Bag" and "The Guessing Can". Details will be attached to these activities. Please review the parent board, to find out important information about the daily lessons, areas of interest, and activities happening at school. *-Ms. Nichole*