

Children's Center Chronicle

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center www.worshipweekly.com

Message from Ms. Maddy: Our focus for the month is "Being Thankful and Sharing With Others", hence this is the month of our *"Giving Celebration"*. Our celebration will be held on Wednesday, November 24th, in Criswell Hall, at 12:00. We invite all our families to join us for the celebration from 12:00-1:00. Remember to sign your child out at 12:00 because school will close at that time. Each family is encouraged to sign up and bring something to give to the celebration. Instead of individual lunches on this day, we will sit together, eat a wonderful meal, and share in the "Spirit of Giving". In order for this event to be a success, we need several volunteers. We are in need of volunteers to help with "Set Up", "Clean Up", and "In the Kitchen". Look for the "Volunteer Sign Up" and "Items To Bring Sign Up" sheets on the Sign-In/Out Table.

This is also the time of year for our **Fall Parent Survey**. Please complete the attached survey and return it as soon as possible. It is important for us to receive your input. The information you provide will let us know more about you and your child's experience at school. Your suggestions will provide information helpful to us in our efforts to continually improve our program. It is our ambition to offer a quality program for the children, families, and staff.

The Staff extends a warm **"Thank you"** to all those who participated in the "Family and Friends Fun Day" and we hope that everyone had a wonderful time. Thanks to the many preschool families and church members who volunteered. **The event was a huge success!** We were able to raise \$1,900 for needed school supplies. Check out our web sight at www.worshipweekly.com, the "Children Center" link, to see some awesome pictures of the days activities.

We are selling *See's Candy for the Holidays*. The money raised by this fundraiser will assist teachers attend the annual "California Association for the Education of Young Children" (CAEYC) conference in March. There are order forms attached if you would like to purchase "Sees Candy" or know of others who also love this delicious treat and would like to support our staff by placing an order. Orders and money are due by Friday, December 4 so we can get the candy by December 16.

December is just around the corner and so is the *Scholastic Holiday Book Fair*. We will need several volunteers to help out during the week of December 13-17. Volunteers will receive \$10 worth of free books. Please contact Greta Robbins at 474-9036 or gretarobbins@hotmail.com if you can help with this event.

Theme for The Month

"Being Thankful and Sharing With Others"



Fruit of The Spirit: Faithfulness

Each day we reflect on God, expressing our thankfulness, as we say a simple prayer,

"Thank you God for our food, and our friends, and our families.

Amen." This is an act of faithfulness that we and the children practice daily.

Mark Your Calendar

Friday, November 5 - School Closes at 3:30 for Staff Development. Its SPIRIT DAY too! Wear your school T-shirt.

Thursday, November 11 - School closed for Veterans Day.

Wednesday, November 24 - "Giving Celebration" Sign up to bring an item for the celebration meal. **School is closed at 12:00.** Remember to sign your child out before coming to the celebration meal in Criswell Hall.

November 25-26 - School is closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Ms. Lisa and Ms. Rebecca's Pre-K Class

October was a fun month. We learned about the moon and the sun, fire safety and 911, scared and excited feelings and explored pumpkins. We also had a great time at Family Fun Day. Thank you to all of you who helped make our day a success by volunteering your time or other services. We would also like to thank everyone who has donated items to our classroom so far this year. The items that you have brought in have added so much to our learning environment. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who attended parent - teacher conferences. These meetings really helped us to touch base and provided us the opportunity to get to know you a little better. November promises to be full of fun as well. We will be focusing on harvest, sharing and being thankful for all of the things in our lives. Our giving celebration will be happening on Wednesday the 24th. Each family will be asked to provide something for this event so be on the lookout for the sign-up sheet by our daily sign in. With all of these things happening, we are still going to be moving forward with learning our letters. We will be reviewing the first week of the month and then learning letters 'J' and 'K'. Please check the snack calendar to stay informed of what letter we are on for share items. We are looking forward to an exciting month!

-Miss Lisa

Ms. Nichole, and Ms. Wasinii's Preschool Class

October was a fun month! We enjoyed sharing apples. We compared their size, color, and then turned them into yummy applesauce.

Thank you to everyone who helped make Family Fun Day a huge success! We had fun and hope your family did too! With the theme of "Harvest", Room 3 has been looking at pumpkins, spiders, bats, leaves, and more. As we move into November we will be changing to the theme of "Being Thankful" and "Sharing with Others". Our colors for the month are brown and gold. Watch for the sign-up sheet for our giving celebration, which will be happening on Wednesday the 24th. Each family will be asked to provide something for this event so that it can be a success. We wish you a safe Thanksgiving holiday! -

Miss Wasinii

CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS!

- To Amber and John Griffin, Macie's mom and dad, who were married on October 10 (10-10-10)
- To Chelsey and Devin Rodgers, Corrina's mom and dad, who were married on October 23

Cindy Bo and Ms. Tierra's Toddlers

Our toddlers are becoming more and more familiar with our classroom routines. The group has been so helpful in welcoming and showing the ropes to the children who joined us in September. Many of the children have grown in their interest in group experiences such as "Song and Story Time" and social interactions such as working together to build a block tower, dancing hand in hand, or pointing out observations made during meal times. They are learning to express their interests and needs using simple words and, for some, multiple word sentences. We get such joy out of observing all that they are learning and how much fun they are having at school and with each other. In October we explored pumpkins and gourds as the children showed interest, cutting open and playing with the insides of a pumpkin and learning a song/chant about "5 Little Pumpkins" who "roll out of sight" at the end. They also enjoyed trying on various costumes we had available for them. Some pretty adorable firefighters, dancers, fairies and bunnies were spotted in our room last month! We have so much to be thankful for! I am thankful for the blessing of working with such precious children and the privilege of getting to know their families. We want to thank our families for the help and support we received for the "Family and Friends Fun Day". It was a great day! With a heart of thankfulness, Happy Thanksgiving to all!

-Cindy Bo

A GREAT WAY TO HELP OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY SIMPLY BY SAVING YOUR PENNIES.

Last year we collected "pennies" in each classroom that helped buy turkeys to support the ministry of the "Five Cities Christian Women's Emergency Food Pantry". This year we would like to help out again. **SAVE YOUR PENNIES** and look for collection containers in your child's classroom.

