

Children's Center Chronicle

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

Message from Ms. Maddy

We invite everyone to celebrate the season by coming to our **Children's Holiday Program**. Children will sing songs that reflect celebrated traditions of children, families, and staff. The program will be held in the sanctuary and will last about 25 minutes. The program will be followed by a time of sharing in friendship, and enjoying goodies, brought by the families, in Criswell Hall. Our theme this month is "**Celebration of Traditions**".

We hope everyone feels welcomed and connected here, as we invite you to share your own traditions with us. Please talk to your child's Teacher/Caregiver if your family has a tradition that you would like to share with your child's classmates. I look forward to the New Year, fostering relationships with the children and families, supporting a dedicated staff, and providing the best care we can to children in our program.

Thank you to our families, friends, and staff who have been using the "eScrip" program. We earn \$\$\$, for our school, when you shop at any Vons store, using your Vons card, or Spencer's Fresh Market, using your Spencer's Card, that is linked to our school. **Our school number is 500020780.** To maximize your contributions, you can find other merchants, such as Macys, that support the "eScrip" program during the holiday season, by visiting www.escrip.com. For more information regarding the "eScrip" program, contact Ms. Nichole or Ms. Maddy. Thank you.

Who likes books? It is time for our **Holiday Scholastic Book Fair**. We are looking for a **Scholastic Book Fair Chair** to organize this event. For the **Book Fair** to be a success we need **MANY** volunteers who can help during the week of Dec. 13-16. We need help setting up the Book Fair, selling books, and cleaning up after the event is over. Please contact Ms. Maddy if you can help. There will also be a sign up sheet, located on the Sign In/Out Table, if you are available to help out. Volunteers, working the Book Fair, can earn \$10 in free books. We also need a volunteer to help with the monthly scholastic book fliers/orders. For more information regarding the Book Fair and/or helping out as the **Book Club Coordinator**, please contact Greta Robbins at 550-3615.

Dates To Remember

- **Friday, December 3 - School Closes at 3:30 for Staff Development.** It's SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY! Show your school spirit and wear your AGUMCC T-shirt. *Last day to turn in your See's Candy order too.*
- **Mon. - Fri., December 13 - 17 - Holiday Book Fair** in Criswell Hall during school hours (See scheduled hours)
- **Thursday, December 16 - Children's Holiday Program & Social** at 7:00 PM, in the Church Sanctuary (Children arrive in classrooms at 6:45). Social to follow in Criswell Hall
- **Friday, December 17 - Pajama Day**. Wear your favorite pajamas to school.
- **Monday through Friday, December 20 - 24 - School Closed for Winter Break**
- **Friday, December 31 - School Closed for New Years Day**

Theme for The Month

"Celebration
of
Traditions"



Fruit of The Spirit: Peace

How can we be peacemakers in our homes and at school? We are going to be learning about using our words and being role models for others. We will be sharing stories like, "You are Special" and, a classic, "The Mitten", to help illustrate how we all can be peacemakers.

**Blessings to
all this
holiday
season!**



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

We enjoyed seeing everyone at our "Giving Soup Celebration" last month. In November, the children enjoyed working in our farmers market and sorting the differences between fruits and vegetables. We enjoyed our pumpkin tasting as well. For the month of December, we will be reviewing numbers 1 through 11 and working on letters 'L', 'M', and 'N'. In addition, this month, we will be talking about the different meanings of some of our favorite family holiday traditions. If you would like to share your family tradition with our class, please talk with me or Ms. Lisa. We hope to see everyone at our Holiday Program, where we are sure to warm the hearts of everyone with the special song we are practicing. As we look back on 2010, we have so many things to be thankful for and we look forward to the many blessings that lie ahead.

-Ms. Rebecca



Thank you to everyone who purchased or helped the staff sell "**See's Candy**". *The deadline to order is Friday, Dec. 3. The candy is scheduled to arrive by Thurs., Dec 16.* The money we raised will help the staff attend our annual professional development conference in Sacramento in March.

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

With all the fun and learning we have done in the past weeks, we find that 2011 is upon us. In November, we looked at different harvest vegetables, numbers, letters, and AB patterns. Now we are looking forward to learning about different celebrations of holiday traditions. If you have a tradition that your family celebrates and you would like to share with our class, please come talk with me or Ms. Wasinii. This month we will look at the shape of a star, numbers 7 & 8, rhyming words and tracing shapes and letters. We want to thank all the families who helped with the "Giving Celebration". Wishing all our families a Happy Holiday and a Blessed New Year.

-Ms. Nichole

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: **Congratulations** to Payton Pryer and her mom,
: dad and brother, Roxanne, Stephen and Caine on
: the birth of her new baby brother **Dax River**
: **Stephen Pryer!** He was born at 5:30 P.M. on Nov-
: vember 3, weighing 7lb. 11.5 oz.
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Cindy Bo and Ms. Tierra's Toddlers

A big thank you goes out to all those who donated pennies to our "Pennies for Turkeys" jar. We also hope you all enjoyed our Giving Celebration this year. This month the children will be learning all about family traditions and the winter holidays. This is the time of year when we invite parents to come into our classrooms and share their special holiday traditions if they wish to. It is a time to learn the reasoning behind the winter holidays. We will also be learning some fun songs about the holidays, which we will share with you at our Holiday Program. We hope you all can make it and that you enjoy the show.-

-Ms. Tierra

We are continuing the "**Pennies for Turkeys**" fundraiser to help our local food bank. Every classroom has a jar to put donations in. Also, we are **collecting non-perishable unopened food items** to continue in the spirit of giving and sharing with others. There is a basket for your donations located under the "Sign In /Out Table".

