

# Children's Center Chronicle

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center [www.worshipweekly.com](http://www.worshipweekly.com) November 2011

**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 23, 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 year our **Fall Parent Survey** comes with an incentive. Each class that has 100% participation, will receive a **FREE LUNCH DAY**, with pizza, veggies and milk or water, for the whole class. Please complete the attached survey and return it as soon as possible. It is important for us to receive your input in order to provide a quality program. The information you provide will let us know more about you and your child's experience at school and your suggestions will provide information helpful to us in our efforts to continually improve our program.

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. See the attached "Thank You" page. **The event was a huge success!** We were able to raise \$1,722 for needed school supplies. Check out our web sight at [www.worshipweekly.com](http://www.worshipweekly.com), the link is "Children's Center", to see some awesome pictures of the day's 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 "See's Candy" or know of others who love this delicious treat and would like to support our staff by placing an order. Orders and money are due by Friday, December 2 so we can get the candy by Friday, December 16, 2011.

December is just around the corner and so is the *Scholastic Holiday Book Fair*. We will need several volunteers to help during the week of December 12-16. Volunteers will receive \$10 worth of free books. Look for the Sign-Up sheet in December. Please contact Cherisse Sweeney to help with this event at 310-9790 or [cherisse@celladonhouse.com](mailto:cherisse@celladonhouse.com).

## 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 4** - School Closes at 3:30 for Staff Development. Its SPIRIT DAY too! Wear your school T-shirt.

**Friday, November 11** - School closed for Veterans Day.

**Wednesday, November 23**- "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.

**Thursday and Friday, November 24-25**- School is closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

## A TIME WITH PASTOR DAVID

Each month, Pastor David brings a "Fruit of the Spirit" message to the children. This month, his message will be about "Faithfulness". Ms. Shirley will share "Goody Bear" with the children again, who always has a special message in his heart for us. Ask your child about this wonderful time we will be sharing together, on Tuesday and Wednesday November 29 and 30, 9:30 AM, in the Pre-K Room.

## Ms. Rebecca and Ms. Shirley's Pre-K Class

November is here and the holiday's are near, so our classroom will be extra busy. We want to thank everyone for your participation in our "Family and Friends Fun Day"; it was a great success, and a fun time for all. Also it was great meeting with you at our parent teacher conferences. We are amazed at your child's accomplishments, and continued growth.

For the month of November we will continue our Zoo-phonics with the letters "G", "H", "I", and will be looking at the numbers 7, 8, and 9. We will also be reviewing thankfulness, sharing with others, and harvesting vegetables. The Fruit of the Spirit this month will be "Faithfulness". Our "Giving Celebration" will be the week of Thanksgiving. Information and sign-ups, on what to bring, will be on the Sign In/Out Table. We are looking forward to a great month. Thank you and blessings to you all.

*-Ms. Shirley*

## Ms. Kristel's Preschool Class

In October we focused on the arrival of FALL!!!! A Bountiful Harvest was the theme for the month. The children learned about fall leaves, the color of leaves, sorting leaves by color, talked about pumpkins and read lots of books about Fall. We colored and painted a lot. The children were very helpful with painting our new box that we have in our room. The children always have something fun to contribute to share time, after lunch, and they are learning, each day, how to use their friendly words and to problem solve. I am so proud of the children and

I am so inspired by their eagerness to be kind and helpful to their fellow classmates. "Family and Friends Fun Day" was a great success and now our "Giving Celebration is almost here. Keep an eye out for sign ups for this special day

*-Miss. Kristel*

## Cindy Bo and Ms. Wasinii's Toddlers

Our toddlers are becoming more and more familiar with our classroom routines. 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 organize a game of "Catch", 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 our older ones, more complex and complete sentences. We get such joy out of observing all that they are learning and how much fun they are having at school with each other. In October we explored pumpkins and gourds as the children showed interest. We learned a song about "5 Little Pumpkins" who "rolled out of sight" and a "Silly Little Pumpkin" who didn't want to be a pumpkin pie. We also had great fun making pumpkin pie (We used our little pumpkins) and eating it too. Yum! Thank you to everyone who helped make "Family and Friends Fun Day" a huge success! We had fun and hope your family did too! Please watch for a sign-up sheet for our "Giving Celebration". 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*

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

This will be our third year to support the ministry of the "Five Cities Christian Women's Emergency Food Pantry", by collecting "pennies".



The money collected will be used to buy turkeys for needy families. **SAVE YOUR PENNIES** and look for collection containers in your child's classroom **THIS MONTH.**