



### Message from Maddy

February is "Friends at School and in Our Community" month. We will have several special visitors throughout the month; the AG Fire Dept, AG Police Dept, SLO Ambulance Service, Vision Screening from Dr. Hile, Pastor David, and some of our parents a dentist, Dr. Hayes, Brogan's mom in Rm 2, and three hair styles to help us with "Crazy Hair Day" Leanne Johnston, Coles mom in Rm 3, Amber Griffin, Macies's mom in Rm 3 and Ashley Bozeman, Micah's mom in Rm 4. *See the attached notice to mark your calendar for all the special visitors.* If your child does not regularly attend on the day of a visitor, you and your child are welcome to come, to take part in these special activities. **If you would like to share your occupation with the children, please contact your child's teacher.**

**Did you miss the fun at the Taco Bar Dinner Night?** To see great pictures of the event, visit <http://worshipweekly.com/130125.html> Thank you to the families who volunteered their time to help make the event a success: Kristi Balzer, Maureen Cattaneo, Santino Cattaneo, Kristina Bradbury, Eric Jenssen, and Greg King. We greatly appreciated your time and support!!! You can still join in on all the fun by coming to the **Spaghetti Dinner Night on Friday, Feb. 22.** Check your family folders for information on buying or selling "Spaghetti Dinner" tickets for this **BIG** event. The dinner tickets are \$5 per person. **What a deal!!!** The event will start at 6:30 PM with dinner. Regatta racing begins at 7:00 PM. All ages can race their individual boats. Be on the look out for the weekly up-dates of Regatta Bracket located in the entrance hallway. **If you still need a boat, I have three left.** This year we have already sold 52 boats. It is amazing how each year we sell more boats than the year before. **We need many hands to make this event fun for everyone.** The success of every event, here at AGUMCC, is made possible by the support of all our wonderful volunteers.

**Mark your calendar: "Positive Discipline" is coming in March.** This seven week course is for parents and caregivers. It provides positive guidance techniques that include connection before correction with kindness and firmness. The classes will be held at AGUMCC. It is open to the community. This course will be on Tuesday nights March 5 to April 16, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. **The series will be led by Ms. Maddy, Ms. Kristel, and Ms. Rebecca Certified Positive Discipline Educator.** Registration is \$40 per person or \$70 per couple. Childcare is available for \$10.00 per child per session. Registration includes the Positive Discipline book by Dr. Jane Nelsen and a workbook. Positive Discipline offers practical ways to change lives by reducing stress while raising responsible, respectful, and resourceful children. **See the attached registration form to sign up.**

### A TIME WITH PASTOR DAVID & GOODIE BEAR

Pastor David's "Fruit of the Spirit" message this month will be about "Love". Ms. Shirley and "Goody Bear" will also have a special message to share with the children. Ask your child about this wonderful time we will be sharing together, on **Wednesday and Thursday, February 22 and 23, 9:30 AM, in the Church Narthex.**

### Fruit of the Spirit Focus for the Month:

#### Love

Love is something that we cannot touch but we express it and experience it in our interactions with God and others. At school, we are learning to grow friendships with one another through loving actions and words.

**"A friend loves at all times" Proverbs 17:17**

### Dates to Remember

- **Friday, Feb. 1- STAFF DEVELOPMENT and School Spirit Day.** Wear your school T-shirt to show your school spirit. School will close at 3:30.
- **Selected days in February - "FRIENDSHIP DAY"** Please check with your child's teacher for details.
- **Monday, Feb. 18 - SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY**
- **Friday, February 22 - RAIN GUTTER REGATTA Dinner at 6:30 PM and Boat Regatta Races begin at 7:00 PM.**

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

January was a cold and fun month! The theme for January was Winter World. The children enjoyed learning about cold places and the animals that live in those cold places. As a science activity, the children sprinkled salt and put water on a piece of ice that had a plastic toy inside. The children were intrigued by this activity because, as the salt melted the ice, eventually, the plastic toy would come out. The children also got to do some fun activities to help them learn about germs. They even got to do the "Germ Handshake". Ms. Rebecca and I used oatmeal on our hand, to shake the hand of one child, who, with the oatmeal on their hand, then shook the hand of another child. The children were fascinated by how some of the oatmeal didn't come off and that was a lesson in why we wash our hands so we don't spread germs! Our "Fruit of the Spirit" for January was "Joy" and, oh, was there lots of joy in the school this month, celebrating two exciting events. The "Taco Bar Dinner and Regatta Painting Party" on January 25<sup>th</sup> and the "100<sup>th</sup> Day of School Party" on January 31<sup>st</sup>!!! Thank you to all the parents that helped bring food for that event. I am excited to watch the children race their boats at the Regatta on February 22<sup>nd</sup>!



*-Miss Kristel*

Ms. Kassie and Ms. Shirley's Preschool Class

Hello Families, Thank you for all that came and had fun at our "Taco Bar and Boat Painting Party". I am looking forward to seeing you all again at the Spaghetti feed and boat racing on February the 22<sup>nd</sup>. I can not wait to see all the little ones on stage with their beautiful boats. We will be having many visitors this month, representing all the "Community Helpers" in the area. If we have a visitor here on a day that your child does not come, but you still want them to meet them, feel free to come by at the time we have our visitor (also let us know).



We are asking the children to bring a picture of their favorite Community Helper so, keep your eyes peeled for one. For the month of February, we will have a rock collection. I will be sending out a bag, for the rock collecting, and a short note. Your child may bring any size or shape they would like. Please use a permanent marker to write your child's name on his or her rock. The "Fruit of the Spirit" this month is "Love." We will be talking about our families, friends and how we love and care for one another. We will be having a "Friendship Luncheon" on February 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am-12:30pm. There will be a sign-up for families to bring items, food, and to help with set up and clean up. We hope to see all our families there. Extended families are always welcome too. Thank you,

*-Ms. Kassie*

Ms. April and Ms. Maddy's Toddlers

This month we will be having many different "Community Helpers" come visit the school! The children are so excited for the different visitors and vehicles! We will be talking about how these visitors help us in the community, through books, discussions and flannels. Anyone is welcome to come, to see the different community helpers, at the scheduled visit time, on a day that they are not scheduled, if accompanied by an adult. We will be reminding the children that these people help keep them safe and that they can turn to them if they need help. With the visitors there will also be some small keepsakes like coloring books, stickers and hats. This will be a very exciting month for the toddlers, who will get to enjoy some new experiences and visit with some new people. Our "Fruit of the Spirit" this month is "Love" so, we will be talking about how we can be loving to our friends and families. Be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet for our "FRIENDSHIP BREAKFAST." It will be Thursday February 14<sup>th</sup> from 9am - 10 am. This will be an opportunity for the children to share their environment with their families, teachers and friends. All families and children are invited (even if they are not signed up for that day). Please bring a self addressed envelope for the children to use in a special project for this month. We will be learning about the Post Office and mail. Thank you!



*-Ms. April*

Cindy Bo's Young Toddlers

It is time again for our month of celebrating love, friendship and "Community Helpers." This is always a very fun time for the children, as we get to meet many "helpers" from our community, hear about the jobs they do, see their tools and equipment, as well as explore some special vehicles. Some of the Young Toddlers may have some fears regarding these "strangers" so it will be helpful for you to talk with them, before being introduced to these scheduled visitors, so that they know what to expect. The Young Toddlers will be given the opportunity to dress-up as these special and meaningful people in our community and to act out their jobs, all month long. We will also be reading stories and singing songs about these various community helpers and their jobs. Please bring in a self addressed stamped envelope, so your child can mail a special something to you, as we explore the valuable job of our postal workers. Our class will be having a "Friendship Day Potluck Breakfast" where families are invited to join their children for a meal and activities. Look for sign-ups in the classroom, as well as more information in your family folders, about this special day, planned for Wednesday, February 13, "We Love because He first Loved us" (1 John 4:19). Love to you all!



*-Cindy Bo*