

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message from Maddy

- **Summer is here and our theme for the month of June is "Going To The Beach"** . Bring your hat, sunglasses, sun screen and a comfortable pair a shoes. (Keep in mind though, that flip flops can cause children to slip and fall during active play.) In the days and months ahead there will be many opportunities for water play, so please check your child's cubby and make sure any extra change of clothes is available. Chances are, if your child does not have a change of clothing, when needed, you will get a call to bring a new change of clothing for your child at that time.
- A special **"THANK YOU!"** to the many families that provided the wonderful food for the Staff Appreciation Luncheon. Thank you to the Baker, Brown, Cooper, Ford, Jenssen, King, Koonce, Lardizabal, Miller, Purvis and Ross families. A special thank you, to the AGUMCC board members, Nancy Baughman, Mary Hawkins, and Mary Thronson, who made the event special by helping with set up and decorations. Also to Mary Thronson and Sharon Veith, who helped with clean up. The special notes written by the parents in the cards were greatly appreciated by the staff too. The staff and I feel very blessed to have such wonderful families in our program who were willing to give of their time and talent to provide such a fun, enjoyable, and memorable event. Thanks again!
- **Parent Surveys have gone out.** Please return your survey by Tuesday, **June 11**. The surveys provide us with information regarding what you, our families, think about our program and how we can improve it. I look forward to reviewing the surveys and sharing the information with you in the July newsletter. For turning in the survey, each child will receive a "Pepper Award" from Chili's, which is good for one free kid's meal. **The class that turns in 100% of their surveys earns a PIZZA PARTY on Wednesday, June 12.**
- The **"Promotion and Acknowledgement Program"** is as a wonderful event on **Thursday, June 13 at 7:00 PM**. We will be acknowledging the children for their accomplishments and celebrated their promotion to their next classroom. Also at this event we will recognize the outstanding volunteers that have support our program this past year. Following the ceremony there will be a reception in Criswell Hall. Please look for the sign up sheet to help bring refreshments and treats to share.
- Summer is **"Transition Time"**. Several new families will be joining our program in July. If you see a new face, take a moment and introduce yourself and welcome them to the AGUMCC family. Our **"Week Of Welcome"** will be June 17-21. The new and existing children will visit their new classrooms during this week to prepare for the new school year starting July 1.
- **Please check the "Dates to Remember"** below and note school closure dates, special events , etc.

June is our Bi-Annual Community Service Month

Each June, AGUMCC helps **"People's Kitchen"** feed the homeless. If you can help make a casserole or two, please sign up at the Sign In/Out Table. We need 14 casseroles by June 21. First United Methodist Church will provide everything you need, except butter, to make the casseroles . You can pick up a "Casserole Kit" from Ms. Maddy or pick one up after church, on Sunday. If you have any questions, see Ms. Maddy

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday, June 7 - **STAFF DEVELOPMENT** School closes at 3:30
- Tuesday June 11 - **PARENT SURVEYS ARE DUE**
- Thursday, June 13 - **SCHOOL IS CLOSED AT 12:00 FOR THE END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION & POT LUCK LUNCH.** Please check with your child's teacher for details.
- Thursday, June 13 - **AGUMCC PROMOTION & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PROGRAM** at 7:00 PM, in the Church Sanctuary, with a reception following in Criswell Hall.
- Friday, June 14 - **SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT**
- Monday, June 17 - Friday, June 21 - **"WEEK OF WELCOME"** for new and existing families. *We will be open our normal business hours.*
- Friday, June 21 - **CASSAROLES ARE DUE**, to help feed the homeless.
- Monday, June 24 - Friday, June 28 - **SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR SUMMER BREAK.**
- Monday, July 1- **NEW BUSINESS HOURS BEGIN.** AGUMCC will be open 7:00am to 5:30pm.
- Thursday, July 4 - **SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY**

AGUMCC WISH LIST BOARD

If you see something on the Wish List Board (located in the entrance way above the rocking chair) that you can help us with, take the posted note off the board and return the wished for item to the office.

A Few Current Items Include:

Package of "D" or Package of "C" batteries
Extra Hand Wipes, Clorox's Clean up Wipes
Container of Cream of Tarter

Ms. Rebecca's Pre-K Class

The end of the school year is upon us. The children have been working hard on learning their graduation songs and preparing their graduation projects. We will really miss all the children who are moving on to new schools and, having this celebration, to reflect on our wonderful year together, is an amazing way to end our school year. Along with all this, **on June 13, our Pre-K class will be having one last "Potluck Party"**. Be on the lookout for the sign-up sheet. In June we will also begin our "Trip to the Beach" theme. We will be learning about the many different kinds of ocean life, different kinds of beaches, and islands. If you have anything you would like to contribute to this theme please feel free to bring them in to share with the class.

-Ms. Rebecca

Ms. Kassie and Ms. Shirley's Preschool Class

In May we had loads of fun "Down at the Pond". The tadpoles that joined our class in May have almost all grown into adult frogs. The children were very excited watching the transformation. June will be a busy month, filled with exciting discovery. We will be learning a song titled "Each Of Us Is A Flower", to sing at the Promotion and Acknowledgment Program. Our theme for the month is Ocean. Please bring pictures of your family's trips to the beach. We will be putting the pictures in the dramatic play area. These pictures will be fun to look at and bring back wonderful memories for the children to share. Our nature collection is shells. We will be working on our fine motor skills by writing and using scissors. These skills are important in preparation for starting Pre-K next month. Also, the children will be visiting the Pre K classroom, the third week in June, to prepare for their transition to Pre-K on July 1. This will be a time of sadness, knowing that our time together is coming to end. Shirley and I have enjoyed learning, exploring, and sharing as we have spent this wonderful year together. We will miss everyone. Mark your calendar for a fun **"End of the Year Potluck Party" on Thurs., June 13 at Noon**. There is a sign up sheet to bring items to share in our classroom.

- Ms. Kassie

Ms. April and Ms. Kristel's Toddlers

In May we studied all of the animals and insects that can live down at a pond. We learned a lot about the life cycles of frogs. We also had a visit from a 9 day old baby goat, Rodney. It was a special surprise for the children when they learned that there was a goat in the backyard! In June we will be learning about all the animals and plants that live in the ocean. We will be looking for children to bring in different shells, that they have found and would like to share with the classroom. We would also like to welcome any pictures that the children might have of themselves at the beach, possibly beaches from other cities or even countries! Be on the lookout for an end of the year classroom potluck sign-up sheet. We will be looking forward to celebrating the children's last day in the toddler classroom **on June 13 at 12pm for an "End of the Year Party"**. Even if your child does not attend that day, please come to the celebration. We have enjoyed having all of your children in Room 2! We know they will all be successful in their next classrooms or schools! Thank you for all of your participation in our classroom activities!

-Ms. April

Cindy Bo's Young Toddlers

I appreciated having the chance to meet with my Young Toddler families for parent teacher conferences last month. Thank you for taking the time to meet with me to visit about all that your children have been doing at school, reflect on how much they have grown and developed, and share about what they will be working on as they move on to their new class in Room 2. It has been a joy to join with you in helping to foster their growth and development and is exciting to think about how much they will continue this process as they move on. The Young Toddlers really enjoyed exploring and observing the life cycles of the butterfly and the frog, as well as learning about other creatures such as insects, turtles, lizards, fish, birds and bears as we spent time "Down at the Pond". We will now begin our theme of "Going to the Beach". I look forward to the many songs, stories and things we'll be exploring relating to sea life and fun at the beach. If you have any photos shells, etc., from your own trips to the beach, please consider sharing them with our class. This will be a great start to our summer and end to a special school year together! The young Toddlers will be visiting their new class during the third week of June to help create a smooth transition for them the first of July. I hope that you, my Young Toddler families, join me for a **"Classroom Potluck" on Thursday, June 13 at noon**. There is a sign up in the classroom. I truly appreciate the privilege I've had to be part of the lives of you and your children! Thank you!

- Cindy Bo

Many Thanks To Adeline Bottorff for taking our laundry home every week. If you, too, could help with the laundry, please see Ms. Maddy.