

# Children's Center Chronicle

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center [www.worshipweekly.com](http://www.worshipweekly.com) September 2013

## Message from Ms. Maddy

Our theme this month is "Autumn". Autumn is a wonderful time of year. It is when we get back in to the routine, after a fun filled summer. We are looking forward to a great new school year. This year we have 48 children enrolled. We still have openings in our preschool and pre-K classes. If you know of someone in need of quality childcare, with low child to teacher ratios, please let them know about our wonderful program. Word of mouth, from a satisfied family, is our best advertisement.

**The Harvest Parade is coming.** If you and your child would like to join us in the parade on Saturday, Sept. 28, there will be a sign up sheet out next week. This is a fun activity that lets the community know about our program. Parents or adult family members/friends walk with their child/children, who may ride in a wagon or on their trike. To show our school spirit, we wear our AGUMCC T-shirts.



"Family Fun Day" will be on Saturday, October 19 from 11:00—1:30. You and your family will not want to miss this fun filled event. There will be a Trike-A-Thon, BBQ lunch, carnival games, face painting, bounce houses, and a pumpkin patch. **Please come to the planning meeting on Thursday, Sept. 19, at 7:00 PM.** Also, talk with your child's teacher to find out what activity your child's class has planned for the carnival and see how you can help. There are many ways you and your child can take part in this **BIG EVENT**: sell BBQ tickets, buy tickets to play games at the carnival and/or get pledges and participate in the Trike-A-Thon. If you collect \$25 in pledges, you receive 10 free carnival game tickets and if you collect \$100 in pledges, your child will receive a **CARNIVAL WRISTBAND** to play at the carnival games and Bounce House for **FREE**. The money raised from this event will help us purchase needed supplies and materials for the classrooms. Invite the community by sharing the Family Fun Day flier at your work or at a business in our area.

*Parent participation is the key to our school's success!!*

### 3 WAYS TO HELP AGUMCC

Bring your **EMPTY INK CARTRIDGES** for the staff to recycle, at Office Max, for instant rewards. Also safe and bring in **TABLES FOR EDUCATION**. See the attached pamphlet for more info. The container for both items are located next to the Sign In/Out table. Sign up for **E-SCRIP**. Every time you shop at **Vons, Macy's, and other participating merchants**, our school earns cash directly through the **E-Scrip** program. See the attached application to join.

Monday, Sept. 2

**School is Closed for LABOR DAY**



Friday, Sept. 6

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY AND SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY.** Wear your school T-shirt to show your school spirit. School will close at 3:30.

Wed. Sept. 11 & Thurs. Sept. 12

**PONY PICTURES @ 9:00—10:00**

Thursday Sept. 19

**FAMILY FUN DAY PLANNING MEETING @ 7:00 PM**

Monday, Sept. 30

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS DUE!**

Saturday, Oct. 19

**FAMILY FUN DAY-Trike-A-Thon, BBQ and Carnival from 11:00 AM to 1:30PM**

### Fruit of The Spirit

**\* Kindness \***

"The LORD is righteous in everything He does; He is filled with kindness". Psalm 145:17



## TIME WITH PASTOR DAVID AND GOODIE BEAR

Pastor David and Goodie Bear (with Ms. Shirley) will share about this month's Fruit of the Spirit "Kindness." This special time will be on Wednesday, September 25 and Thursday, September 26, in the church narthex, at 9:30AM

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

In August I focused on getting to know each and every child in a more individualized way. We started working with our Zoo Phonics curriculum and number recognition. I would like to thank all the families who attended the Back to School Night! It was fun to talk with you and get to know your family better. In September, our theme will be "Autumn" and learning about how the world changes throughout the year. Our letter focus will be 'D'- Dee-Dee Deer, 'E'- Eli Elephant and 'F'- Francy Fish. We will also be working on the numbers 4, 5, and 6. I hope everyone has had the opportunity to look through the Pre-k information packet. Please let me know if you have any questions.



-Ms. Rebecca

### Ms. Kassie and Ms. Shirley's Preschool Class

Our school year is off to a wonderful start. During the month of August, we had a great time getting to know each other, learning about our families and how we are similar yet different. We focused on getting to know each child, and the uniqueness they bring to our classroom. For the month of September we will continue exploring the alphabet with a focus on the letters 'D', 'E' and 'F'. We will focus on the numbers 4, 5, and 6. The theme will be "Autumn". We will be discussing the changes that occur in the environment during this season. We will be exploring apples. Measuring, sorting and counting, are a few of the ways we will explore them. We will be sending home a little "Apple Bag", for your child to bring back with an apple in, to share. The color focus for the month is "red", and our shape focus is "rectangle". Also, this month, we will have Story Time With Pastor David and Goodie Bear. They will be talking about this month's Fruit of the Spirit, "Kindness". We are looking forward to another great month.



-Ms. Shirley

Please remember to **DRIVE SLOW** through the parking lot. The speed limit for everyone's safety is .....**5 mph**.

Thank you, *Church Trustees*

### Ms. April and Ms. Lisa's Toddlers

In August, we focused on learning about every individual child in our classroom. We created fun family and pets books that the children love looking at! Thank you for bringing in the pictures! These books can be found in the classroom library. We also learned about eye color, hair color, height and weight. During August we focused on learning about emotions and our reaction to emotions. We focused on using gentle hands and kind words with our peers. The children even got to create their own mirrors to practice making different emotion facial expressions. Thank you for everyone who attended the Back to School Night! In September we will be learning about "Autumn." We will learn how trees may change colors and lose their leaves. We will also be learning about weather changes that occur during this seasonal period. We will continue to learn about the different abilities that each child in our classroom has and sharing more about what we like to do (at school, at home, etc.) If any parent would like to participate in the classroom, we would love to have some volunteers! Some participation opportunities include, joining us for a walk, reading a story at circle time, teaching us a dance, joining us for an art activity, etc. If you would like to come and enjoy the classroom, please let Ms. Lisa or I know. Thank you!

-Ms. April

### Cindy Bo's Young Toddlers

I'm excited about welcoming Cohen Hall and his family (including the new baby, that will be born early this month too) to our Young Toddler classroom. Welcome! In September, we will continue to focus on getting to know each other better, helping each child develop their sense of belonging and significance as part of our group. For my group of young toddlers, I will continue to focus on providing predictability in their day and helping them to develop a sense of security, by establishing consistent and familiar routines and boundaries. Many of the children are already feeling safe and secure enough to test those boundaries. If you notice this at home too, this is a good and healthy thing yet consistency and follow-through are very important! With our theme of "Autumn", we will be exploring the changes of the season and apples. I will soon be sending home a little white "Apple Bag" for your child to bring in an apple to share. We will explore their similarities and differences and enjoy tasting them and making applesauce together. It will be a fun month for us all. Blessings always!



-Cindy Bo