

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message from Ms. Maddy

Parent participation is key to the success of our school! This month we are having our sixth annual "Family Fun Day". This day will include a Trike-A-Thon, TRI-TIP BBQ lunch, and carnival games. Ask your child's teacher what activity the class is providing at the carnival and see how **YOU can help**. There are many ways you and your child can take part in this big event. You can sell BBQ tickets, get pledges for the Trike-A-Thon, bring your child, with his/her trike, to ride at the Trike-A-Thon, and/or buy carnival game tickets at the event. If you collect \$25 in Trike-A-Thon pledges, you will get **10 free tickets** toward the carnival games. If you collect \$100 in pledges you will get a "Carnival Wristband" which allows your child to play at the bounce house and all the carnival games for **FREE**. We need lots of volunteers to help with the many activities that are happening at this event. *This is a chance to meet other families and to build a strong community of friendship within our program. Remember, un-sold BBQ tickets, BBQ ticket money and Pledges are due back on Friday, October 11.*

It is Parent/Teacher conference time. Conferences provide a great opportunity to build relationships between teachers and families. They also provide an opportunity to share information about your children and to set goals for them to work toward in the months ahead. Please check with your child's Caregiver/Teacher to schedule your individual conference. The conference will be scheduled for approximately 30 minutes.

Don't Forget about your child's "Family Collage". Please return your completed collage on the 9 x 11 poster board that was provided during the first week of school. This activity sparks conversation, creates interest in the classroom and, most importantly, helps build the relationship between school and home. The collage may include photos of family members, pets, places your child has gone, or special events in your child's life.

Thank you to the families, friends, and staff that have been using the "eScrip program". Currently we have a total of 38 people supporting our program through "eScrip"; 22 school members and 16 church members. We earn \$\$\$, for our school, when you shop at any Vons Store, using your Vons card and Spencer's Fresh Market card, that is linked to our school number, **#500020780**. If you are not enrolled in the "eScrip" program, you can register your Vons card and start supporting the school with every purchase you make. To maximize your contributions through the "eScrip" program, you can find out more, and about other merchants that participate, at www.escrip.com. For more information regarding the "eScrip" program, contact me, Ms. Maddy. You can place your completed form, in the manila folder, on the "Parent Information Board".



Do you have a computer? We recycle ink cartridges. Teachers earn \$1, from Office Max, for every used ink cartridge they bring in to recycle. They can turn in 20 cartridges a month and earn \$20 instantly toward their purchases for our school.



Theme for The Month
"A Bountiful Harvest"



Fruit of The Spirit:
Patience
"Be patient with everyone"
1 Thessalonians 5:14

Mark Your Calendar

October is Parent/Teacher Conference Month.

Check with your child's Teacher to schedule a meeting time.

Saturday, October 19 - "Family Fun Day"

Trike-A-Thon starts at 11:00 and goes until 1:00.

TRI-TIP BBQ lunch and old fashioned carnival games
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM.

Don't forget to collect your PLEDGES for the Trike-A-Thon and sell your BBQ Tickets!

Pledge and BBQ Ticket Money is due
Friday, October 11.

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center is a non-profit organization. Monetary contributions are tax deductible.

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

In September, we had our pony pictures with "Cupcake". The children had so much fun taking turns and smiling for the camera. They also loved learning about her, finding out how much she weighs and the best ways to pet her. Our dramatic play transformed into a baby hospital. The children even helped transfer the beauty salon to the baby hospital, which was helpful. In October, we will focus on the letters, 'G' 'H' and 'I'. The theme of October is "Bountiful Harvest." What a fun month this will be. We will talk about "Patience" and learn about the Fall Season! It sure will be fun to see you all at the "Family Fun Day" on October 19th! Check out our sign-up list in the classroom if you are interested in helping with this special event. Don't forget to bring your trikes for the Trike-A-Thon! We will also be having parent/teacher conferences, starting this month. Lastly, don't forget to sign-up for making play-dough for your son/daughters classroom.

~Ms. Tresha

CONGRATULATIONS!

- Born on July 3, Kinsey Grider welcomed her new baby brother, William Sullivan ("Sully"), 7lb. and 20 inches, in to the family. Congratulations to sister Kinsey, mom, Kelly, and dad, Bill.
- Also, congratulations to Cohen Hall and his mom, Kari, and dad, Zach, on the newest addition to their family. Ethen Jeremiah, 6lb. 10oz. and 20 inches, was born on August 25.



Ms. Kassie and Ms. Shirley's Preschool Class

Hi from the Pre-school class! September was a wonderful month. This is the start of autumn and with winter soon to follow, here on the central coast, we have been focusing on all the environmental changes around us. We had "Cupcake", the Shetland pony, here for our pony pictures and all took turns smiling on top of him. Charlotte, Cupcakes owner, took the time to tell each of us about him and we were even able to pet him. Thank you all for the apples. We enjoyed counting, measuring, and cooking with them. The children, as firefighters, were rescuing the class in their firefighter gear. They had a wonderful time putting out fires and talking on their radios. October is going to be fabulous. Pumpkins, and gourds are here!! We will be collecting different types for our nature collection (any type). We will explore the similarities and differences of each unique pumpkin and gourd that are provided. Cooking projects will be fun and volunteers to

help would be welcome. We have many different focuses this month. First we are learning about the letters 'G', 'H', 'I'. Secondly, we will be focusing on the "Bountiful Harvest." Last, but not least, we will be learning about the meaning of patience. Don't forget FAMILY FUN DAY. There will be a Trike-A-Thon, so don't forget to bring your trike. Our class will be having a ring toss, so please do not hesitate to sign up to help us with that activity.

~Ms. Kassie

Ms. April and Ms. Maddy's Toddlers

In September, we sadly said goodbye to Ms. Lisa, but welcomed Ms. Maddy back into the classroom! Our dramatic play area became a dinosaur zone and we learned about the different names of the dinosaurs, along with what they ate, if they had sharp toes and how tall they were. A special treat was when we put dinosaurs in an ice mountain! The children sprinkled salt, water colors and used paintbrushes to help work the dinosaurs out of the ice. We even took the ice outside and watched it melt in the sun! We also explored new books that we made about the children's family pictures, pets, hair, gender, and eye color. We had a lot of fun exploring our shared collection of apples too! Thank you to all the families who brought in apples to share. The children played different games, sang songs and cooked with the apples. Ms. Maddy helped the children make applesauce out of some of the apples. In October our theme will be "A Bountiful Harvest." Our share collection will be pumpkins. Please bring a pumpkin to the classroom to share. We will be exploring their weight, size, color, texture, seeds, etc.. We will also be cooking with the pumpkins! Don't forget, October 19th is our "Family Fun Day". We look forward to seeing everyone there!

~Ms April

Cindy Bo's Young Toddlers

In September, I spent time encouraging the young toddlers in developing their interactions with each other, focusing on common emotions, being helpful and being kind. They all show great interest in each other and it is a joy to watch them point out a cubby picture of a friend, what another is doing or to offer a welcoming hug as they arrive! With the apples your child brought in, the children were able to enjoy a variety of "apple experiences". We looked at their similarities and differences, observed the "Star", when we sliced them open, tasted them, painted with them, and made applesauce (Yum!). I am hoping you will participate again, this month, by bringing in a pumpkin, to share with the group. We will be exploring their different sizes, shapes, colors, and textures as well as using them as part of our singing time, as we sing "Five Little Pumpkins". Don't forget to sign-up to help make our "Family Fun Day" a success. It is a fun event and I hope all of you will be able to be there on the 19th! I count it a privilege to be a part of you and your child's lives!

~Cindy Bo

STORY TIME WITH PASTOR DAVID & GOODIE BEAR

Each month, Pastor David brings a "Fruit of the Spirit" message to the children. This month, his message will be about "Patience". Ms. Shirley will also bring "Goodie Bear" and we will learn a song about patience. Ask your child about this wonderful time, we will be sharing together, on **Wednesday and Thursday, October 25 and 26, at 9:30 AM, in the church narthex.**