

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message from Ms. Maddy

Our theme this month is "Autumn". Autumn is a wonderful time of year. It is when we get back into the routine, after a funfilled summer. We are looking forward to a great new school year. This year we have 48 children enrolled. We still have openings in our young toddler class. 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. 27, 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 11 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. 11, and October 2 at 6:30 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 **LABELS 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.

Announcement

AGUMCC would like to welcome our new staff member, **Claudia Lechuga**. She will be in the older toddler classroom with Ms. April Monday through Friday. She believes every child deserves a quality education and that school should be a safe place where children are treated with kindness and respect. Her strengths are her sense of humor, creativity, and thinking outside the box.

Monday, Sept. 1

School is Closed for LABOR DAY

Friday, Sept. 5

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. 10 & Thurs. Sept. 11

PONY PICTURES @ 9:00—10:00

Thursday Sept. 11 and Oct. 2

FAMILY FUN DAY PLANNING MEETING @ 6:30 pm

Monday, Sept. 30

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS DUE!

Saturday, Oct. 11

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

Please drive SLOW through the parking lot. Speed limit is .5 MPH.



TIME WITH PASTOR DAVID AND GOODIE BEAR

Pastor David is going to read **Exodus 20** from the *Beginning Bible*. The story is about God's Laws. Goodie Bear (with Ms. Shirley) will share our moral teaching: **Respect**. This special time will be Sept. Wed. 3 and Thurs. 4 in the church narthex, at 9:30AM.

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

August was full of transitions! We said goodbye to the last of our Kindergarten friends. Many of our new Pre-K students will miss them very much. We also focused on getting to know each and every child in a more individualized way and welcomed more new students to the class. We 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 families 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 us know if you have any questions, or have not received your information packet yet.



~ 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 start exploring the alphabet, with a focus on the letters 'D', 'E', and 'F'. 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 it, to share. The color focus for the month is "red", our shape focus is "circle" and moral focus "Respect" (Luke 19:1-10). We are looking forward to another great month.

~ Ms. Shirley

Ms. April and Ms. Claudia Toddlers

Thank you to everyone who attended Back to School night! A big "Thank you!" to everyone who brought in family and pet photos! The children are so happy when they are able to find their photos and able to share them with their peers! Also, thank you to everyone who has signed up to help in the classroom, by making playdough and taking home laundry! We really appreciate all your hard work! You can find the sign-up sheet on the parent communication board. In August we focused on getting to know every individual child that is in Room 2. We hope you enjoyed reading all the daily questions that were posted up on the white board! We also compared eye color, hair color, height, weight, gender, etc.... In September, we will be following the theme "Autumn." We will be sending out bags, to collect apples, for our classroom monthly collection. We will be using these apples to make applesauce! Our moral teaching this month is "Respect" We will be talking about how we can show respect to our parents and others.



~ Ms. April

Cindy Bo's Young Toddlers

I'm excited about welcoming Brenden Finch and Colbie McCall families to our Young Toddler classroom. 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

CONGRADULATIONS

The Amarillas family has a new baby girl, Mae. She was born on August 4th weighing 7lbs 12oz and 21" long. The Chang family also has a new baby girl, Leia. She was born on August 16 weighing 6lbs 9oz and 19 1/2 " long.