

Children's Center Chronicle

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center www.worshipweekly.com October

Message from Ms. Maddy

Parent participation is key to the success of our school! This month we are having our "7th Annual Family Fun Day". This day will include a Trike-A-Thon, TRI-TIP BBQ lunch, Bounce Houses, Face Painting, A Pumpkin Patch, Carnival Games and much more. 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 pledge money, you can earn FREE tickets to the carnival games and bounce houses: \$25 in pledges = **10 free tickets**; \$50 in pledges = **25 free tickets**. If you collect \$100 in pledges, you will get a "Carnival Wristband", which allows your child to have FREE, unlimited, play at the bounce house and the carnival games. 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, unsold BBQ tickets, BBQ ticket money and Pledges are due back on Friday, October 3.*

Thank you to everyone who joined us in the Harvest Festival Parade! It was wonderful to have our AGUMCC children, staff and families represented at this fun annual event again this year.

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 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 families, friends, and staff who have been using the "eScrip program". Currently we have a total of 38 people supporting our program through "eScrip". It's quick and easy to sign up! We earn \$\$\$ for our school, when you shop at any Vons Store, using your Vons 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 \$2 from Office Max for every used ink cartridge they bring in to recycle. They can turn in 10 cartridges a month and earn \$20 toward their purchases for our school.



Theme for The Month "A Bountiful Harvest"

Ask your Child's Teacher about how you can help out inside or outside the classroom:

- * Help with a cooking project
- * Making play-dough
- * Taking home laundry, etc.

Mark Your Calendar

OCTOBER IS PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE MONTH
Check with your child's Teacher to schedule a meeting time.

Saturday, October 11-7th Annual Family Fun Day

Trike-A-Thon starts at 11:00 and will continue to be open 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 to sell your BBQ Tickets!**

Pledge and BBQ Ticket Money is due

Friday, October 3

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is a non-profit organization. Monetary contributions
are tax deductible.**

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

Wow, September has flown by super fast! Hello, October! The Pre-K children have been so excited about the ice cream shop in our dramatic play area. The children even helped transform the beauty salon from August into the ice cream shop for September. The dramatic play theme for October will be a baby hospital. The Pre-K children love to help wherever needed. A big thank you to all the families that brought in apples to share! The children enjoyed exploring, sorting and measuring the apples. 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 "Family Fun Day" on October 11. 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. Remember to check your son/daughter's family file folder and art folder, for more details on school activities or art projects. Lastly, don't forget to sign-up for making play-dough for our classroom. Hope everyone has a great October! ~Ms. Tresha

Ms. Kassie and Ms. Shirley's Preschool Class

In September we had so much fun. We had a barnyard in our classroom. They had such a blast with the play barns, farm play figures and farm hats. We had a great time focusing on fall too and talking about the changes in leaves on trees. We also learned about the letters 'D', 'E', and 'F'. We had such a wonderful time making individual apple pies, too. They were so delicious! Thank you to all the families, for your help and donations. The Harvest Parade was a blast. It was fun to dance and sing, with all the children, as we walked through the village. Now that it is October, the Trike-A-Thon and Family Fun Day are right around the corner. We hope you can join us for these events. There is a sign-up, to help with our class booth, at "Family Fun Day," the Bounce House! The sign-up is on the Communication Board! We are learning about the letters 'G', 'H', and 'I'. The theme of the Month is "Bountiful Harvest." We will be making mini pumpkin pies, so keep an eye out for the sign-up! We are also looking for volunteers to make play-dough for our class. This is a fun activity to do with your child. ~Ms. Kassie

Ms. April and Ms. Claudia's Toddlers

In September we welcomed Ms. Claudia into the classroom. Ms. Claudia has been busy getting to know all of the children and families! Our dramatic play corner turned into a dinosaur corner! With the dinosaurs, the children had to practice being safe and gentle, since the dinosaur has "sharp claws" and "big teeth." The children enjoyed being archeologists and sifting through sand, to find dinosaurs, in the sensory tub! They also explored having dinosaurs trapped in ice! The children got to pour salt on to the ice and watercolors to help make the ice melt faster. In September we followed the theme of "Autumn." Thank you to all the families who brought apples in to share! The children all enjoyed comparing and tasting the apples. In October we will be following the theme "A Bountiful Harvest." We will be asking everyone to bring in a pumpkin, to share with the class, for the entire month of October. We will be comparing shape, size, weight, stems, counting, etc., with the pumpkins. Our "Fruit of the Spirit", this month, is "Patience". We will continue to practice patience throughout the month, including waiting our turn to use an object or waiting to do a project. ~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 or when saying "goodbye"! 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. I hope all of you will be able to be there on the 1th! I count it a privilege to be a part of you and your child's lives! ~Cindy Bo

TIME WITH PASTOR DAVID & GOODIE BEAR

Pastor David is going to read Mathew 14:13-21, "The Big Picnic" from the Beginning Bible. "Goodie Bear" and Ms. Shirley will share our "Fruit of the Spirit" teaching: **Kindness**. We will be sharing this wonderful time together, on **Wed. and Thur., Oct. 1 and 2, at 9:15 AM,** in the church narthex.