

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center

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AGUMCC Spring Survey 2014

The Family Survey for spring 2014 results are in. 100% of the families surveyed felt that their child was well cared for and that their child was happy and enjoyed participating in our program. 83 % of the families were "Very Satisfied". According to the survey, the most popular reasons why families have chosen our program were for the age-appropriate curriculum.

Comments the families wrote were: "Great program and we love the low ratio." "Very caring teachers always available to communicate." "Ms. Kassie and Ms. Shirley were wonderful and observant teachers."

Our program offers something almost every month for the families. The four most popular events that the families participated in last year were the Holiday Program in December, the Taco Bar Dinner with the Regatta Painting Party in January, the Regatta Race Event in February, and the Open House event in April.

100% of the families that turned in the survey participated in Parent/Teacher Conferences. 100% of that group felt their child achieved his/her goals and was ready to move forward. 80 % of this group found the conferences to be informative. 100% said that they have received information on how children develop at different ages, and Parenting Strategies. 100% said that they received information on the daily schedule of activities.

In asking the families when would be the best time to receive information about the program the most answered was in the evening. The choices were 8:30 am or 4:00 pm or 7:00 pm. Two comments made were that 7:00 pm was too late and one suggested 5:30 pm, another suggested 6:30 pm.

When asking the parents how they would like to volunteer, 100% of the parents who turned in this survey would like to participate in school socials and fundraising events; 20% wanted to participate in the classroom; 40% wanted to help outside the classroom.

The areas where families feel there can be improvements were in Parent Involvement, and how we share our Christian teaching with others. As a Christian ministry of the First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande, our program serves the community with Open Doors, Open Minds, and Open Hearts. While preserving the integrity of our own Christian identity, we respect the diverse religions and cultural backgrounds of all people. It is our hope that all families feel welcomed and connected to our program. In sharing our faith with the children and others, we meet in the narthex of the church with Pastor David and Goodie Bear each month. There we share a story from either the Old or New Testament from the Beginners Bible. These stories follow "the Fruit of the Spirit" or "Moral Teachings": Responsibility, Trustworthy, Respect, Kindness, Faithfulness, Peace, Joy, Love, Gentleness, Goodness, Patience, and Self-Control. These teachings are again supported by both songs and activities led by the teachers. Also each day we pray before our meals and appreciate all things that God has given us.

100% of the families are aware that we are participating in the Self-Study for Accreditation through NAEYC, National Association for the Education of Young Children. Currently the AGUMCC staff is working on Step One in the Accreditation process. During this process, we are evaluating the overall program and making improvements before moving on to Step Two. 60% know what Accreditation can mean for the families. NAEYC Accreditation stands for quality and is a hallmark of achievement. 40% would like to learn more about Accreditation. To learn more info about NAEYC Accreditation, visit www.naeyc.org/academy/interested/whyaccreditation.

The Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center Board would like to thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. The findings are beneficial and

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very important in providing information we need to improve our program. Our doors are always open. It is important that you feel connected to your child's teacher and the events that happen at the program. At times, it can be challenging because of busy schedules. The best time for the teachers and parents to communicate is during drop off or pick up. If this does not work, you can leave a note for your child's teacher on the "Parent Communication Board" in your child's classroom. When leaving a note, please indicate when a good time to reach you would be, and if you would like a call or an email. To find out about this year's upcoming events there are several places to look: the Year at a Glance, the monthly Children's Center Chronicle, the Parent Communication Board in the entrance way or your child's classroom, and the web site at www.worshipweekly.com (the link is Children's Center). We look forward to a fun and exciting new school year nurturing the development of children and fostering new friendships between our children, families, staff, the church, and the community.

Sincerely,

Maddy Quaglino, AGUMCC Director