

Children's Center Chronicle

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center www.worshipweekly.com November 2015

Message from Ms. Maddy: Our focus for the month is "Being Thankful and Sharing With Others", hence this is the month of our *"Giving Celebration"*. Our celebration will be held on Wednesday, November 25, in Criswell Hall, at 12:00. We invite all our families to join us for the celebration from 12:00-1:00. Remember to sign your child out at 12:00 because school will close at that time. Each family is encouraged to sign up and bring something to give to the celebration. Instead of individual lunches, on this day, we will sit together, eat a wonderful meal, and share in the "Spirit of Giving". In order for this event to be a success, **we need several volunteers**. We are in need of volunteers to help with "Set Up", "Clean Up", and "In the Kitchen". Look for the "Volunteer Sign-Up" and "Items To Bring Sign-Up" sheets on the Sign-In/Out Table.

This is also the time of year for our **Fall Parent Survey**. Please complete the attached survey and return it as soon as possible. The information you provide will let us know more about you and your child's experience here at AGUMCC. Your suggestions will help us in our efforts to continually improve our program. It is our ambition to offer the best quality program for children, families, and staff possible.

The Staff extends a warm **"Thank you"** to all those who participated in the **"Family and Friends Fun Day"** and we hope that everyone had a wonderful time at the event. **The event was a huge success!!!** We were able to raise \$2,445 for needed school supplies. A special "Thank You" page, with a list of over 50 volunteers, went out last week with a collage of some pictures showing how much fun was had. To see all the awesome pictures of the days activities. <http://worshipweekly.com/151003.html>

We are selling *See's Candy for the Holidays*. This fundraiser will assist teachers in attending the annual "California Association for the Education of Young Children" (CAEYC) conference, March 31 through April 3, 2016. There are order forms attached, if you would like to purchase **"See's Candy"** or know others who love this delicious treat and would like to support our staff by placing an order. *Orders and money are due by Wednesday, December 2 so we can get the candy by Friday, December 11.*

Are you getting updates from me via email? Please let me know if you are not. I don't want you to miss out on important information regarding things happening here at school.

Theme for The Month

"Being Thankful and Sharing With Others"



Fruit of The Spirit: Faithfulness

Each day we reflect on God, expressing our thankfulness, as we say a simple prayer, "Thank you God for our food, and our friends, and our families. Amen." This is an act of faithfulness that we, along with the children, practice daily.

Mark Your Calendar

Friday, Nov. 6 - Staff Development

SCHOOL IS CLOSED AT 3:30. It's SPIRIT DAY too! Wear your school T-shirt.

Wednesday, Nov. 11 - SCHOOL IS CLOSED for Veterans Day.

Wednesday, Nov. 25 - "Giving Celebration" Sign up to bring an item for the celebration meal. **SCHOOL IS CLOSED AT 12:00.** Remember to sign your child out, then come to the celebration meal, in Criswell Hall.

Thursday & Friday, November 26 & 27 - SCHOOL IS CLOSED for Thanksgiving Break.

TIME WITH PASTOR MARY & GOODIE BEAR

Pastor Mary is going to read Daniel 6:10-28, "Daniel and the Lions", from the Beginning Bible. Goodie Bear and Ms. Shirley will share our "Fruit of the Spirit" teaching: **Faithfulness**. This wonderful time together will be

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

The holidays are right around the corner and fast approaching. We look forward to our annual Giving Celebration. It is always a great time, to share food and time with each other. For this month we will be talking about being thankful and sharing with others. The letters we will focus on this month are 'H', for Honey Horse, 'I', for Inny Inchworm and 'J' for Jerry Jellyfish. Remember to ask your child to show you the signal that accompanies each letter. Finally we would like to thank all the parent volunteers for helping out with the laundry and play-dough. It really helps Kassie and I out a lot!

~Ms. Rebecca

Ms. Shirley and Ms. Tresha's Preschool Class

October was a very fun month. With the theme of "Harvest", Room 3 explored pumpkins, spiders, bats, leaves and more. Thank you to everyone who helped make "Family Fun Day" a huge success. We all had fun and hope your family did too. We would also like to thank all those who came to our parent-teacher conferences. We enjoyed this time with you, and find it to be very valuable. As we move into November, we will begin our theme of "Being Thankful and Sharing With Others." Our focus color of the month will be 'Brown', our shape focus will be 'Oval', and our letters for November will be 'H', 'I', and 'J'. Watch for sign-up sheets and information for our "Giving Celebration", which will be happening the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Each family will be asked to provide something for this event, in order to provide an opportunity for sharing. Have a safe Thanksgiving Holiday!

~Ms. Shirley

Ms. Claudia and Mrs. Swati's Toddlers

Fall was exploding in our classroom during the month of October. We discovered the colors of fall through leaves and pumpkins. The children explored hay, pumpkins, and corn, in our sensory bin. They also explored the inside of a pumpkin when we made pumpkin pie, using a real pumpkin. We learned about corn, too, and enjoyed eating corn on the cob. The children have been learning about different shapes, like a crescent, oval, rectangle, square, star, and circle. They are still getting to know each other and reviewing the classroom rules. We made a "Friendship Kit" and have been practicing how to be a friend. For the month of November, we will share how we are thankful for the many things that God has given us, especially our families. Thanksgiving is a time that we can communicate respect for each

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other and share how we each have our own family cultures. Our 8th annual Family Fun Day was a huge success. Thanks to all the families that volunteered to help us out in our fish booth and for helping us to raise money for our school. It has been extra special spending time together, with you, during our Parent Teacher Conferences, too. In addition to the children's many accomplishments, you, their families, have been wonderful. Your response to volunteer for doing laundry and making play-dough has been amazing. Ms. Claudia and I are grateful for all your support and willingness to take an active role, helping out in our classroom. Ms. Claudia and I wish you and your family a very happy and healthy Thanksgiving this year!

~Ms. Swati

Cindy Bo's Young Toddlers

A GREAT WAY TO HELP OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY, SIMPLY BY SAVING YOUR PENNIES.



Once again, we will be collecting "pennies", in each classroom, to help buy turkeys for the "Five Cities Christian Women's Food Pantry".