

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message from Maddy

Summer is here and our theme for the month of June is "Going to the Beach". Bring your hat, sunglasses, sun screen and a comfortable pair of shoes. (Keep in mind though, that flip flops can cause children to slip and fall during active play.) In the days and months ahead there will be many opportunities for water play, so please check your child's cubby and make sure an extra change of clothes is available. Chances are, if your child does not have a change of clothing, when needed, you will get a call to bring a change of clothing, which may not be convenient.

A special "THANK YOU!" to our wonderful families for providing the special food and items for the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, that was on Thursday, May 5. The staff and I feel very blessed to have such thoughtful families in our program, who were willing to give of their time and talent to provide such a fun, enjoyable, and memorable event.

Family Surveys have gone out. Please return your survey by Friday, **June 10**. The surveys provide us with information regarding what you, our families, think about our program and how we can improve it. I look forward to reviewing the surveys and sharing the information with you in the July newsletter. To celebrate the turning in of the Family Surveys, we will have a **Pizza and Pajama Party** on Friday, June 10. There will be no need for your child to bring his/her lunch to school that day, unless he /she doesn't like pizza.

Our "Promotion and Acknowledgement Program" is a wonderful, annual event and will be held on **Thursday, June 16 at 6:30 PM**. We will be acknowledging the children, for their many accomplishments, and celebrating their promotion to their next classroom and/or on to kindergarten. Following the ceremony, there will be a reception in Criswell Hall. Please look for the "Refreshment Sign up Sheet", to help bring treats to share. Also, please bring a canned food item, to the event, to support our "Community Service Project" for June. All the food collected will be given to the "People's Kitchen" outreach, here at First United Methodist Church.

Summer is "Transition Time", as well. Several new families will be joining our program in July. Our "Week Of Welcome" will be June 20-24. The new and existing children will visit their new classrooms, during this week, to prepare them for the new school year, that will start Tuesday, July 5. If you see a new face, take a moment and introduce yourself and welcome them to the AGUMCC family.

School will be closed for **Summer Break June 27 -July 5**. Please check the "Dates to Remember" below to note school closure dates, special events , etc.

June is our Bi-Annual Community Service Month

Each June, AGUMCC helps "People's Kitchen" feed the hungry. Please participate in this community service project by bringing a canned food item to the Promotional Program. (Donations are also welcome any time.) The food received will be given to those in need, through the First United Methodist Church outreach. If you have any questions, see Ms. Maddy.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday, June 3 - **STAFF DEVELOPMENT** School closes at 3:30
- Friday, June 10 - **FAMILY SURVEYS ARE DUE AND PIZZA/ PAJAMA PARTY DAY.**
- Thursday, June 16 - **SCHOOL IS CLOSED AT 12:00 FOR THE END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION & POT LUCK LUNCH.** Please check with your child's teacher for details.
- Thursday, June 16 - **AGUMCC PROMOTION & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PROGRAM at 6:30 PM**, in the Church Sanctuary, with a reception following, in Criswell Hall. Bring a non perishable canned food item
- Friday, June 17 - **SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT**
- Monday, June 20 - Friday, June 24 - **"WEEK OF WELCOME"** for new and existing families. We will be open our normal business hours.
- Monday, June 27- Monday July 5 - **SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR SUMMER BREAK.**
- Tuesday, July 5 — **2016-2017 SCHOOL SESSION BEGINS**

AQU/MCC WDSH LOST BOARD

If you see something on the Wish List Board (located on the entrance way, above the rocking chair) that you can help us with, please take the posted note off the board and return the wished for item, with the note, to the office. Thanks!

A Few Current Items Include:

- * Package of 'AA', 'D', 'C' and 9 Volt batteries*
- * Clorox's Clean up Wipes * Baby Wipes * Crib Sheets*
- * Lg Container of Cream of Tartar * 5lbs Flour * 5lbs Salt*

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

I can't believe it is the end of the school year! It has flown by so fast. We would like to thank all the families for the wonderful staff appreciation luncheon and thoughtful gifts. We felt truly appreciated. For the month of June, we will be learning songs for our Promotion and Acknowledgement Program, reviewing the alphabet and enjoying our time with each other, since this is the last month we will all be together. It has been a pleasure to be a part of your children's growth and development. We will miss you all and wish you well on your next adventure in kindergarten!

~Ms. Rebecca

Ms. Shirley and Ms. Tresha's Preschool Class

May has been such an exciting month. We focused on our theme, "Down at the Pond", and the animals that live by and in the pond. We also had such fun pretending in the "Ice Cream Parlor". June is here and that means it is time to explore the ocean. We are looking forward to diving into the depths of the sea. Also, we are inviting all our families to help in the classroom, so just let us know if you would like to be a part of that. We are having our Promotion and Acknowledgment Program, on June 16 at 6:30pm. We are hoping to see everyone there. The children will be practicing their song, in the sanctuary, from 9:00-9:45 am, June 13-17. There will be an "End of the Year Potluck" on June 16, at noon, as well. It's also a minimum day, that day. School will be closed June 17 for staff development day. June 20-24 the preschoolers will begin transition visits to the Pre-K class; also known as the "Week of Welcome". June 27 - July 4 we will be closed, for "Summer Break". We have enjoyed getting to know each and every one of your child's personalities and special skills. Thank you for allowing us to watch them grow and blossom.

~ Ms. Tresha

Ms. Claudia and Mrs. Swati's Toddlers

In May it was fun to learn about bugs. Children even helped create a snail habitat. They also really enjoyed the "Pet Shop" in the dramatic area. I hope all moms and grandmas had a fun and relaxing Mother's Day and I hope all the Dad's and Grand-dad's will have a super Father's Day. In June, we will be learning more about the frog life-cycle and we look forward to naming our young frogs. Also, we will be learning about reptiles, snakes, and spiders. The chil-

dren will strengthen their fine motor skills by using tongs to pretend to catch these critters. We will be practicing for our Promotion and Acknowledgement Program, that is on Thursday June 16. Families can sign up to bring yummy food for our End of the Year Potluck Party, that day too. Our children will be visiting the Preschool Classroom the week of June 20 - 24, to prepare them for their new experience in Preschool, starting July 5. Ms. Claudia and I have enjoyed spending time, cherishing and bonding with the children and the families of our class. I wish them much success. Many thanks to all the families that took time and volunteered to help with various things through this past year; laundry, playdough, and special projects. Have a good Summer Break June 27 - July 4!

~Ms. Swati

Cindy Bo's Young Toddlers

I appreciated having the chance to meet with my Young Toddler families, for parent teacher conferences, last month. Thank you for taking the time to meet with me, to visit about all that your children have been doing at school, reflect on how much they have grown and developed, and share about what they will be working on, as they move on. It has been a joy to join with you in helping to foster their growth and development and is exciting to think about how much they will continue this process. The Young Toddlers really enjoyed exploring and observing the life cycle of the frog, as well as learning about other creatures such as turtles, fish, raccoons and beavers, as we spent time "Down at the Pond". We will now begin our theme of "Going to the Beach". I look forward to the many songs, stories and things we'll be exploring, relating to sea life and fun at the beach. If you have any photos, shells, etc., from your own trips to the beach, please consider sharing them with our class. This will be a great start to our summer and end to a special school year together! The young Toddlers will be visiting their new class, during the fourth week of June, to help create a smooth transition for them, the first of July (starting July 5). I hope that you, my Young Toddler families, can join me for a End of the Year Potluck on Thursday, June 16 at noon. I truly appreciate the privilege I've had to be part of the lives of you and your children! Thank you and God bless!

~Cindy Bo

Time with Pastor Mary and Goodie Bear (with Ms. Shirley)

Pastor Mary will read "Mary and Martha", from Luke 10:38-42, in the Beginning Bible. "Goodie Bear" will share a "Fruit of the Spirit" teaching on "Self Control". Ask your child about this wonderful time we will be sharing together, this month, on **Wednesday & Thursday, June 1 & 2 at 9:10 AM**, in the Church Narthex.