

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message from Ms. Maddy:

Once again, it's time for collecting "PENNIES". This is one of two community service projects our school does, each year, to bring awareness to the needs of others. Each classroom has a collection jar, to collect your spare change in, to help the "Five Cities Christian Women's Food Pantry" buy turkeys for others in need. This is a great way to help others in our community, simply by donating your spare change.

This month we will have our annual "*Giving Celebration*". We invite all our families to join us for the celebration on **Wednesday, November 23**, in Criswell Hall, at 12:00. We will sit together, eat a wonderful meal, and share in the "Spirit of Giving". Since this is the day before Thanksgiving, it is also a **Minimum Day**. School will close at noon, please remember to sign your child out before coming to the celebration. Each family is encouraged to sign up to provide something for the celebration. 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 beginning Nov 14th.

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.

The Staff extends a warm "Thank you" to all those who participated in the "Family 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 **\$2,881** for needed school supplies. A special "Thank You" page, with a list of volunteers, community supporters, and a picture collage is included in this addition. To see more pictures from the event visit our web site showing how much fun was had by all. To see all the awesome pictures of the days activities go to <http://worshipweekly.com/161008.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 23 - 24, 2017. 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. *Orders and money are due by Friday, December 2, so we can get the candy by Friday, December 16*

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 at school.

HAPPY
THANKS GIVING
TO ALL



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

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

Wednesday, Nov. 23 - "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 24 & 25 -
SCHOOL IS CLOSED for Thanksgiving Break.

TIME WITH PASTOR MARY & GOODIE BEAR WITH MS. SHIRLEY

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 shared on **Wednesday & Thursday, Nov. 2 & 3, at 9:05 AM**, in the church narthex.

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

Thank you everyone for helping out with "Family Fun Day". We hope you enjoyed your time and had fun at this fundraiser event. For this month, we will be working on the letter 'J', 'K' and 'L'. Ask your child the name of the animal and the action, to help reinforce their letter learning. This month we will have a theme of being thankful and sharing with others. Our "Giving Celebration" is coming soon. We hope that everyone will be able to come and enjoy the delicious soup and this time together. A special "Thank you" to Grady's mom, Veronica, for providing all the ingredient's for our pumpkin muffin cooking project. Finally, we want to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving. ~Ms. Rebecca

Ms. Jayna and Ms. Maddy's Preschool Class

October was a very fun month. We explored leaves and pumpkins. With the leaves, we talked about why they fall off trees and turn from green to brown. With the pumpkins, we measured, weighed, sorted, and counted them. Thank you to everyone who helped make "Family Fun Day" a success. We hope you had a fun, memorable time, at the event. We'd also like to thank those who came to our parent-teacher conferences. This was a special time for us to get better connected and focus on the children and families of our classroom. In November, the color of the month is 'Brown', our shape is 'Oval', and our letters will be 'i, j, and k. With the Pennies for Turkey Project, we will be sorting, counting, and predicting, how much we will raise for the Five Cities Christian Women's Food Pantry. Have a safe blissful, Thanksgiving Holiday. ~Ms. Maddy

Ms. Shirley and Mrs. Swati's Older Toddler Class

Fall has been exploding in our classroom during the month of October. We discovered the colors of fall, through leaves and pumpkins. Children explored hay, pumpkins and corn in our sensory tub and they had fun making pumpkin pie and eating corn on the cob. They had fun doing pumpkin exploration by observing and feeling both the outside and insides of a pumpkin. They enjoyed learning about owls, spiders, and bats, in October, as well. We have also been learning about different shapes like a cres-

cent, oval, rectangle, square, star, and circle. Our 9th Annual Family Fun Day was a huge success. Thanks to our class families who volunteered to help at the bounce houses, where the children had a bouncing good time. We are very excited to have our new classroom pet fish and the children voted to name him "Flash". I want to welcome Violet and Cali, who have joined our Older Toddler cClass. We are still working on getting to know each other and reviewing the classroom rules. The most important rule we have is that, "We are all friends at school". We are also learning to be thankful for the things that God has given us. Thanksgiving is a time that we can communicate respect for others and appreciate each families own culture. Along with the children's accomplishments, you, their families, have been wonderful, too. Your response to helping our class with laundry and making playdough, has been amazing. Ms. Shirley and I are grateful for all your support and willingness to take an active role in helping our class. Ms. Shirley and I wish you and your family a very happy and healthy Thanksgiving this year!!! ~Ms. Swati



Cindy Bo's Young Toddlers

The Young Toddlers are becoming more and more familiar with our classroom routines and have grown in their interest in social interactions. They get so excited to see each other and often look for ways to join each other in play. It is exciting to see how much they are learning and how much fun they are having at school and with each other. In October, we read books about, talked about, and did a variety of activities associated with trucks. The young toddlers even painted a "Big Big Truck" (A really big box) before sharing it with the other classes, offering it as another Courtyard play opportunity. Everyone seemed to enjoy the "Young Toddlers Delivery Service Inc." truck. We also spent some time exploring pumpkins and I'd like to extend some of that exploration, by making pumpkin pie with the children, this month. Once again, I would love to have any help with this project, if you might be available to volunteer. We have so much to be thankful for! I am thankful for the blessingsof working with such precious children and the privilege of getting to know you, their families. I want to thank my families for participating in parent teacher conferences, in September. I appreciate that time with you! Thank you, also, to those who offered their help and support with our "Family Fun Day". With a heart of thankfulness, Happy Thanksgiving to all! ~Cindy Bo

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 the "Five Cities Christian Women's Food Pantry" buy turkeys for others in need. **SAVE YOUR PENNIES** and look for the collection containers in your child's classroom.