



Message from Ms. Maddy

February is "Friends at School and in Our Community" month. We will have several special visitors throughout the month: the AG Fire Dept., AG Police Dept., SLO Ambulance Service, a Vision Screening from Dr. Hile and a dental screening from the Five Cities Pediatric Group. **If you would like to share your occupation with the children, please contact your child's teacher.** See the attached notice, to mark your calendar for all the special visitors. If your child does not regularly attend on the day of a scheduled visitor, you and your child are welcome to join us during these special visit activities.

Its time for our Annual Regatta Event and Pizza Dinner. It will be on Friday, February 24. Dinner tickets for this **BIG EVENT** already went out. Dinner will start at 6:30 PM and will include pizza, salad, dessert, and beverages, for \$7 per person. **What a deal!!!** The Racing will begin at 7:00 PM. **Get your boat TODAY!** All ages can race. To register and purchase your AGUMCC boat, for \$5, fill out the attached form. **Sorry, no outside boats allowed.** Be on the lookout for weekly up-dates on who will be racing in your age bracket. The Regatta Bracket will be posted on the entrance hallway bulletin board. It is amazing how, each year, we sell more boats than the year before. **We need many hands to make this event fun for everyone.** The success of every event, here at AGUMCC, is made possible by the support of all our wonderful volunteers.

Mark your calendar: "Positive Discipline" is coming in March. This six week course is for parents and caregivers. It provides positive guidance techniques that include connection before correction with kindness and firmness. The classes will be held at AGUMCC. The class is also open to the community. This course will be offered Tuesday nights, March 1 through April 5, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. **The series will be led by Ms. Maddy, who is a Certified Positive Discipline Educator.** Registration is \$40 per person or \$70 per couple. Registration includes the Positive Discipline book by Dr. Jane Nelsen and materials. *Childcare is available for \$10 per child, per session, with Pre Registration.* Positive Discipline offers practical ways to change lives by reducing stress while raising responsible, respectful, and resourceful children. **See the attached registration form to sign up.**

BIBLE STORY & TIME WITH GOODIE BEAR

Pastor Mary will read "The Children", from Mathew 19:13-15, in the Beginning Bible. "Goodie Bear" will share a "Fruit of the Spirit" teaching on "Love". Ask your child about this wonderful time we will be sharing together on **Tuesday & Wednesday Feb 1 & 2, at 9:05AM**, in the Church Narthex.

Fruit of the Spirit Focus for the Month: LOVE

Love is something that we cannot touch but we can express and experience it in our interactions with God and others. At school, we are learning to grow friendships with one another through loving actions and words.

"A friend loves at all times" Proverbs 17:17

Dates to Remember

- Friday, Feb. 3 - **STAFF DEVELOPMENT and School Spirit Day.** Wear your school T-shirt to show your school spirit. School will CLOSED at 3:30 on this day.
- Selected days in February - **"FRIENDSHIP DAY"** Please check with your child's teacher for details.
- Monday, Feb. 20 - **SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY**
- Friday, February 24 - **PIZZA DINNER AND RAIN GUTTER REGATTA.** Dinner at 6:30 PM and Regatta Races begin at 7:00 PM.

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

Hello February! This is the month to honor and celebrate love, friendship, and Community Helpers. Families are invited to join their children for our Friendship Lunch Party, Tuesday, February 14. Please watch for a sign-up sheet in the classroom. Another exciting and enjoyable family event will be the annual Pizza and Rain Gutter Regatta, Friday, February 24. Build your boat and come join the race! Due to popular demand, we will continue to keep our travel agency open in dramatic play. The children enjoy traveling, daily, around the world. Our focus letters this month will be 'Rr', 'Ss', and 'Tt', and our focus shapes are the heart and the octagon. The importance of recycling will be an important topic we will be discussing, as well. Share items, demonstrating a recycled item, will be greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to a fabulous February!



~ Ms. Julie

Ms. Jayna and Ms. Tresha's Preschool Class

Happy February everyone! I feel so blessed to have Ms. Tresha back at AGUMCC and working as my co-teacher. She is a creative and caring teacher that genuinely cares for the children and families of our school. We have been enjoying sharing our Family Heritage & Traditions, as well as learning about winter weather and arctic animals. As winter is definitely upon us and many of our days are wet, we are asking you to check your children's cubbies to make sure they have a set of clothes, to include a long sleeve shirt and pants or sweats. This month we will be focusing on the colors of pink and purple, the numbers 7, 8, & 9 and the shape of a heart. We are also going to explore Friends in our Community and encourage any of our parents to come in and share about the work they do. If you would like to share your profession, with the class, please contact Ms. Tresha or myself. We are looking forward to our Friendship Party, on Friday February 10, at noon, to celebrate the love and togetherness of our families. We will have a sign up sheet,



posted on the parent/teacher communication board, to sign up to bring food or drinks, for a light lunch. If you would like to bring Valentines for the class, please do so at the party. Hope to see you all there. Blessings,

~Ms. Jayna

Ms. Shirley and Mrs. Swati's Toddler

In January children had lots of fun exploring snow, cloud dough and ice. Children learned about animals that live in snow, like the penguin and polar bear, and how they hibernate during winter. We talked about different kinds of clothes that we wear during the winter months, like mittens, hats and scarves. Children had fun making pretend hot chocolate and learning about different types of weather. We will be talking more about our daily weather and counting the number of sunny, rainy, cloudy days etc. Children have been enjoying having different jobs in the classroom. We are also practicing how to hold scissors

and cut paper. We have been focusing on problem solving, sharing and taking turns, as well. Even though February is the shortest month of the year, we have much going on! It is the international month of friendship, which we will honor with discussions, stories, and encouragement on how to show love and friendship to others, emphasizing the importance of and how to be a good friend to all. We will also be talking about different emotions and feeling. This month we will have many different "Community Helpers" visit our school. Children will be so excited to meet these different visitors, as well as, to have the opportunity to explore some of their special vehicles. Through books and discussions, we will be talking about how they help our community. We would love parents to come share their profession, with our class, as well. We will also have a focus, this month, on "LOVE". We hope that you can join us for our "Friendship Day Party". Ms. Shirley and I would like to thank all our families for their support and help in our classroom. We will really appreciate it if you can continue to sign-up for making playdough and washing our class laundry. We hope to see all the families at the "Regatta Night", racing their boats. Happy racing everyone!!



~Ms. Swati

Cindy Bo's Young Toddlers

In January, The Young Toddlers enjoyed some continued food explorations. They tasted four types of berries, along with our reading of "Jamerry" (The strawberry seemed to be the favorite) and made pizza together, watching dough rise, adding ingredients, and all. It is time again for our month of celebrating love, friendship and "Community Helpers." This is always a very fun time for the children, as we get to meet many "helpers" from our community, hear about the jobs they do, see their tools and equipment, as well as explore some special vehicles (fire truck, police car, etc.). Some of the Young Toddlers may have some fears regarding these "strangers" so it will be helpful for you to talk with them, before being introduced to these scheduled visitors, so that they know what to expect. I will be reading stories and singing songs about these various community helpers and their jobs, to help prepare them for their visits, as well. If your child is not scheduled on the day of a scheduled visitor, you are welcome to join your child and come during that scheduled visit time. Also, there will be lots of opportunities for children to dress-up as these special and meaningful people in our community and to act out their jobs, all month long. Will you also, please, bring in a self addressed, stamped, envelope, so your child can mail you a special something this month? Our class will be having a "Friendship Day Potluck Breakfast". Families are invited to join their children for a meal and activities. Look for sign-ups in the classroom, as well as more information, in your family folders. Our Friendship Breakfast is planned for Wednesday, February 15. "We Love because He first Loved us" (1 John 4:19). Love to you all!

~Cindy Bo