

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message from Maddy

Summer is here!! Bring your hat, sunglasses, sun screen and a comfortable pair of shoes. Flip flops are not considered safe shoes for school because they can cause children to slip and fall during active play. In the days and months ahead there will be 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 4. 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 9.** 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 9. There will be no need for your child to bring his/her lunch to school that day, unless he /she doesn't like pizza.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, June 15. It will be a very busy day! **1st** - It is our **Summer Pot Luck Lunch**, at noon. **2nd** - It is a **Minimum Day**, which means school will be **closed at noon**. **3rd** - We will be hosting our "**Promotion and Acknowledgement Program**", at 6:30 PM, in the Sanctuary. We will be acknowledging the children and celebrating their promotion to their next classroom and/or on to kindergarten by singing, clapping, and laughter. 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.

Bring a canned food item, to the Promotion and Acknowledgment Program, to support our "**Community Service Project**" for June. All the food collected will be given to the "**First United Methodist Church Outreach**".

"Week Of Welcome" will be **June 19-23**. Several new and existing children will visit their new classrooms, during this week, to prepare them for the new school year, that will start Monday, July 3. If you see a new face, take a moment and introduce yourself and welcome them to the AGUMCC family.

Summer Break is June 26 - June 30. Mark your calendar, school will be closed for. Please check the "**Dates to Remember**" below to note others special events and school closure dates.

AGUMCC SECOND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT, TRI TIP LUNCH, AND SILENT AUCTION

June 10th at Monarch Dunes

Silent Auction ends at 1:00 P/M under the tent at the Butterfly Grill.

You don't need to be a golfer to participate in the Silent Auction. Prizes are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday, June 2 - **STAFF DEVELOPMENT.** School closes at 3:30
- Friday, June 9 - **FAMILY SURVEYS ARE DUE AND PIZZA/ PAJAMA PARTY DAY.**
- Saturday, June 10 —**AGUMCC SECOND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AT MONARCH DUNES**
- Thursday, June 15 - **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 15 - **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 16 - **SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT**
- Monday, June 19 - Friday, June 23 - "**WEEK OF WELCOME**" for new and existing families. We will be open our normal business hrs.
- Monday, June 26 - Friday June 30 - **SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR SUMMER BREAK.**
- Monday, July 3 - **2017-2018 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
- * * 5lbs Flour *5lbs Salt

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

It's hard to believe our Pre-k year is coming to an end! Thank you very much for our lovely Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. The food was delightful and the gifts were thoughtful. Our class has been working very hard to prepare for kindergarten, and they are ready!! This month we will be practicing for our performance at the Promotion Ceremony, and we will continue discussing the many exciting aspects of kindergarten. It has been an honor to be a part of your child's growth and accomplishments, and we wish you all the best! Happy Summer!!

~Ms. Julie

Ms. Jayna and Ms. Tresha's Preschool Class

Wow!! Can you believe that it is the end of the school year already? It's always amazing to me just how fast time flies when you're having fun, and I can honestly say that it has been A LOT of fun. I feel very blessed to get to do the job I do everyday and am honored that you have entrusted me with the care and guidance of your little ones. I know that Ms. Tresha feels the same. We have worked diligently to uphold our classroom to the highest standards and are excited to see that our class is more than ready to begin their new adventure in Pre-K. We are currently learning the song "You Are My Sunshine" to sing for our "Promotion and Acknowledgement Program" on June 15. We hope to see you there.

Blessings,

~ Ms. Jayna

Ms. Shirley and Mrs. Swati's Toddlers

I hope all moms and grand-moms had a fun and relaxing mother's day. In May, we had fun learning about bugs. The children helped to create a butterfly habitat and they learned about the life-cycle of the butterfly. The children really enjoyed the "Grocery Shop" in our dramatic play area. They also planted seeds and enjoyed watching their plants grow. They took care of the baby plants, by watering them everyday. They also got to release lady-bugs, in the gar-

den, and learned about how they can be helpful to protect the plants. They learned that both plants and little creatures are a reflection of the gift of New-Life. In June, we will be fortunate enough to have the opportunity to observe the life-cycle of the frog, in our classroom. We will also spend time learning about "Ocean Live." The children had fun singing "Peace like a River" in the Church. Thanks to all the families for bringing yummy treats for the ice-cream social and enjoying their beautiful artwork, too. It was good to see all of you. I have enjoyed spending time, cherishing and bonding with the children and the families in our class and I want to extend my thanks to all who took time and volunteered to help.

~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. In May, the Young Toddlers began learning about babies and we plan to continue exploring more about babies in June. We will explore what each child was like when they were babies and talk about the many ways they have grown. Each one was born, as a gift from God, to their families, and as we spend our last month together, as a "Young Toddler Group", I will remind them of how they continue to be a gift and blessing in our lives. Thank you for bringing in your child's baby photos! That really added to our "research" on this topic. The Young Toddlers will soon be moving on to their new classroom and I will miss my special time with them. 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

BIBLE STORY & GOODIE BEAR TIME

We 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 7 & 8 at 9:05 AM**, in the Church Narthex.

