

# Children's Center Chronicle

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center visit us on the web at [worshipweekly.com](http://worshipweekly.com) July 2017

## The Promotion & Acknowledgement Program was fun and inspirational!

All the children sang beautifully! The Pre-K children also accepted their certificates of completion of the AGUMCC program. We will miss them and wish them the best, as they move on to Kindergarten.



## BIBLE STORY & GOODIE BEAR TIME

Ms. Maddy will read "The Voice at Night", from 1 Samuel 3, in the Beginning Bible. "Goodie Bear", with Ms. Shirley, will share the "Moral Teaching" of "Responsibility". Ask your child about this wonderful time we will be sharing together, on Wednesday and Thursday, July 5 and 6, at 9:05 AM, in the Church Narthex.

## Parking Lot Safety SPEED LIMIT IS 5 MPH

Did you know it is unlawful...

- 1) ..to leave children, **under the age of 12**, alone in a vehicle?
- 2) ..to leave your vehicle running, unattended?

## Message from Ms. Maddy

**Welcome** to all the new families who have joined our program. Currently our program has 51 students. Word of mouth is our best advertisement, so thank you for telling others about us!

**We hope you will share your summer time fun** with us, by bringing in pictures or souvenirs to share, from your family travels.



Summer is a busy time for many families, as well as for the staff. Please let your child's teacher know if your child will not be coming to school, because of vacation or due to illness. Teachers record absences, related to illness, on their classroom illness log.

**We appreciate your support in helping to keep everyone healthy.** A well balanced diet, plenty of rest and regular hand washing are **KEY** to happy and healthy children, families, and staff. We ask, at the beginning of each day, that your child uses the hand sanitizer or washes his/her hands when they enter the program. Reason being, as we travel from place to place, we also bring with us germs. It is also good practice to use the hand sanitizer before leaving the facility. This will help prevent taking home any additional germs, that may have been picked up, while at school. Also, please review the visual aid, handwashing sheet, for proper handwashing methods.

**What makes Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center different from other child care centers?**

We offer a low child to teacher ratio having a 4:1 ratio in our toddler program and a 6:1 ratio in our preschool and pre k program. We pride ourselves on having a quality program that offers an emergent curriculum. Emergent Curriculum is socially and intellectually engaging and personally meaningful to the children. Our staff follows the lead of the children and introduces new and exciting activities, to sustain the child's interest, over a period of time.



**Celebrate our Independence!  
Happy Birthday USA!**

**RECYCLE YOUR INK CARTRIDGES FOR CASH.** Please bring your empty ink cartridges, for staff to recycle, at Office Max. We earn \$2 for every cartridge, to purchase office supplies for our school. The ink cartridge collection container is located next to the Sign-In/Out Table.



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

We would like to give all our new families and students a great big WELCOME! We are excited to begin a new school year and can't wait to get to know everyone. If you haven't received a Pre-K packet, please let Ms. Julie or myself know, so we can provide you with one. We will start in July, with a focus on Trips and Travels. Our Share Collection for the month will be "Patterns in Nature", and the Moral Teaching for the month will be "Responsibility". We will have a focus on circles and counting, as well, and will begin our letter focus in August. Please, always feel free to come and talk with or leave a message for us, if you have any questions or thoughts you'd like to share. ~ Ms. Rebecca

### Ms. Jayna and Ms. Tresha's Preschool Class

I can't believe that June is already over and July is here. This month, we will be getting to know each other and many of our children will have made the transition from the toddler class to the preschool room. As the summer continues, we will begin to talk about what your child wants to do within the classroom. We will provide different activities, centered on your child's interest. The children will pick the topics of focus and what to do within each environment, from dramatic play, to manipulatives, to science, to blocks, and to the writing center. Hope everyone has a safe 4th of July! We look forward to getting to know you and your child. Thank you, ~ Ms. Tresha

#### **A GREAT BIG THANKS!**

To all those who brought a canned food item, to support our community service project, for the People's Kitchen Food Pantry of the First United Methodist Church. Your support is greatly appreciated!

#### **CAN YOU HELP WITH THE LAUNDRY?**

We need volunteers to help with the school laundry, each month. If you would like to help, please see Ms. Maddy or your child's teacher. *Thanks!*

### Ms. Shirley and Mrs. Swati's Toddlers

We want to welcome you to the Older Toddler Classroom. In the month of July, we will be getting to know each other, as the children begin in their new setting. It was wonderful meeting you and your child during our "Week of Welcome". This gave your child a chance to become familiar with our classroom environment. This will be a very busy time for families, as well as the children, so feel free to let us know if you have any questions. In July, we will start with a focus on exploring the ocean. As we get started, we will provide activities centered around your child's interests. Example; what do you like to do at the beach? What's your favorite animal in the ocean? Ms. Swati and I are excited about getting to know you and your child. We will be sending out a list of needs, for the classroom, throughout the year. We also have sign-ups for families who are willing to make playdough or to help with our monthly laundry. Have a fantastic 4th of July! Thank you, ~ Ms. Shirley

### Cindy Bo's Young Toddlers

I am very excited to begin our new school year session with our new group of Young Toddlers. A very warm "Welcome" to each of these children and their families! It was so nice to have the children visit, with parents and other family members, during our "Week of Welcome". This gave them the chance to become familiar with our school environment and routine. Because you, their moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas, etc., took the time to be here with them, they received the message that school is a safe, secure and fun place to be. I also appreciated having the opportunity to get to know each one of them, as well as you, before their official first day of school. In order to help them develop a sense of security here, I will be working to develop my Primary Care relationship with them and to establish a consistent and familiar routine. I will also work to provide an experience, for these Young Toddlers, that will not only foster learning, but will create in them a love for school. I will also begin to identify the things that interest them most and develop curriculum around those interests. The Young Toddlers will be given the opportunity to explore and learn more about the things that they are naturally drawn to, as I do my best to incorporate this type of "emergent curriculum" in to their school experience. I am looking forward to all the fun we will have together. Blessings to all! ~ Cindy Bo