

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message from Ms. Maddy

PARENT PARTICIPATION IS KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR SCHOOL! This month we are having our "10th Annual Family Fun Day". We will have a Trike-A-Thon, TRI-TIP BBQ lunch, Bounce Houses, Face Painting, a Pumpkin Patch, Games and much more. We need everyone's help for this event to be a success. Please sign up to volunteer in some way. See the Sign up Sheets on the Sign In/Out table and in your child's classroom. **Proceeds from this event will help us purchase supplies and materials for our classrooms.** Help us reach our goal of \$2000 by selling your BBQ tickets and collecting Trike a Thon Pledges. BBQ tickets and Trike-A-Thon pledges were due on Wed. Oct 4. **The public is invited to attend.** The Trike-A-Thon starts at 11:00; the Tri-Tip lunch and games are from 11:30 am-1:30pm. **This is a great opportunity to meet other families and to build a strong community within our program!**

Thank you to those who could joined us in the **80th Annual Harvest Festival Parade!** It was wonderful to have our AGUMCC children, staff and families represented at this fun annual event.



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Cupcake, the pony is coming on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 18 and 19, at 9:00 am. Stop by the office and see last years pictures. There is no obligation to purchase. Every child will get their picture taken and you can decide whether or not you'd like to purchase them, after you see them. If your child does not attend school on Tues. or Wed. you are welcome to come, and stay with your child, to have his/her picture taken. Siblings are welcome to have their pictures taken, too.

Blessings for A Bountiful Harvest!



Mark Your Calendar

Friday, October 6- STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY AND SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY. Wear your school T-shirt, to show your school spirit. **SCHOOL WILL CLOSE AT 3:30 PM.**

Saturday, October 14 - FAMILY FUN DAY; Trike-A-Thon starts at 11:00 and will continue to be open until 1:00. TRI-TIP BBQ lunch and old fashioned carnival games 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM.

Wed. and Thurs., Oct. 18 and 19 - PICTURE DAYS, WITH "CUPCAKE", THE PONY.

BIBLE STORY & GOODIE BEAR TIME

We will read Mathew 14:13-21, "The Big Picnic", from the Beginning Bible. "Goodie Bear", and Ms. Shirley, will share our "Fruit of the Spirit" teaching on Kindness. This wonderful time together will be on **Wednesday and Thursday Oct. 4 and 5, at 9:05 AM**, in the church narthex.

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

Well September flew by! We would like to thank all our families for participating in parent-teacher conferences. We enjoyed having the chance to talk with you and learning more about your child and your family. We have had fun learning about "Space", in September, and look forward to learning about the next idea the children have, on what they would like to learn about. For the month of October, we will focus on the letters 'D', 'E' and 'F'. There is a sign-up sheet for our "Family Fun Day" booth. We will be having the "Frog Pond". This year we are looking for two, green, flat sheets and a CD, with fun pond sounds. If any of you have these things for us to use for the "Frog Pond" Booth, that would be GREAT!

~Ms. Rebecca

Ms. Jayna and Ms. Tresha's Preschool Class

Happy October everyone. I want to send a big shout out to the families that came out and celebrated the Harvest Festival Parade with AGUMCC and the community. I am excited that our annual Family Fun Day is fast approaching. The preschool class will be hosting the "Win a Goldfish" booth. We have two local pet stores donating 100 goldfish for the event. Our class has been busy working on all the awesome decorations that will make our booth look stunning. I am sure our booth will be very busy and am very thankful to all the families who have gone above and beyond to help make this event so memorable. Our class is busy this month, exploring the letters 'D' and 'E', numbers 2 and 3, the color orange, and the shape of the triangle. Our "Fruit of the Spirit" this month is "Kindness". We will be exploring ways to be kind to our friends and family through the use of kind words and actions.

~Ms. Jayna

ASK YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER ABOUT HOW YOU CAN HELP OUT IN OR OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM:

- * Helping with a cooking project
- * Making playdough
- * Taking home laundry
- * Preparing Materials, etc.

Ms. Shirley and Mrs. Swati's Toddlers

Approaching fall, I am happy to say that the children are adjusting quite well to class routines and to their new friends. The children are learning to take care of their own needs, to clean up after themselves, and to be responsible for the proper use of materials in our classrooms. With each day that passes, we expect to see more and more independence! In September, we learned about farm animals and we practiced identifying colors. The children also had fun learning about different types of apples, including tasting them. They enjoyed cooking and eating the yummy apple turnover, too. Our group has also had a lot of fun pretending to wash clothes and toys in the play washer and dryer in the Courtyard. This month we will be talking about the changes in weather and the colors of leaves. We will also spend time learning about spiders and pumpkins. We will be cooking with pumpkins, which will provide the opportunity for children to mix and measure various ingredients. Also, we are getting ready for our school's "Family Fun Day" and I hope that all our families will attend and have a great time. I would like to thank all the families who volunteered to make playdough and do our class laundry. Your help and support is deeply appreciated. ~Ms. Swati

Cindy Bo's Young Toddlers

Thank you, to my young toddler parents, for taking the time to meet with me, for your parent-teacher conference. I truly value that opportunity! In September, I spent time encouraging the young toddlers in developing their interactions with each other, focusing on similarities, differences, common emotions, and being respectful. They all show great interest in each other and it is a joy to watch them point out a picture of a friend on a cubby or a Family Photo Board, to name others as we pray "Thank you God, for our friends" or sing a name song, or to offer a welcoming hug or blow a kiss, as they arrive or say "goodbye"! With the apples your child brought in, the children were able to enjoy a variety of "apple experiences". We looked at their similarities and differences, observed the "Star", when we sliced them open, pretended to pull them from a tree, tasted them, and made applesauce (Yum!). I am hoping you will participate again this month, by bringing in a pumpkin to share with the group. We will be exploring their different sizes, shapes, colors, and textures, as well as using them as part of our singing time. Thank you to those who were able to join us in the Harvest Parade and I hope you will all be able to join us for the upcoming "Family Fun Day"; it is a fun event. I count it a privilege to be a part of you and your child's lives!

~Cindy Bo