

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message from Ms. Maddy:

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 success because of 48 volunteers that kept everything running smoothly. We were able to raise \$2,389 to purchase supplies for the classrooms. To see pictures from the event, visit our web site <http://worshipweekly.com> and see 10th Annual Family Fun Day on the home page.

Once again, it's time for collecting "PENNIES". This is our school's Community Service Project, to bring awareness to the needs of others. Each classroom has a collection jar, to collect your spare change. Simply by donating your spare change, you can make a difference for others in our community. The collection canisters will be given to "Five Cities Christian Women's Food Pantry" at our Giving Celebration who in turn will buy turkeys for families in need this holiday season. This is a great way to help others in our community.

This month we will have our annual "Giving Celebration". We invite all our families to join us for the celebration on Wednesday, November 22, in Criswell Hall at 12:00. This date is also a Minimum Day. School will close at noon. Please remember to sign your child out before coming to the celebration. We will sit together, eat our Annual Giving Soup, to share in the "Spirit of Giving". Each family is encouraged to sign up to provide something for the celebration. For this event to be a success, we also need several volunteers to help with "Set Up", "Meal Preparations" and "Clean Up". Look for the "Volunteer Sign-Up" and "Items To Bring Sign-Up" sheets on the Sign-In/Out Table.

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.

We are selling *See's Candy for the Holidays*. See the attached form. You can also share this fundraiser with others via our web site or our Facebook page. This fundraiser will assist teachers in their professional growth. Orders and money are due by Friday, December 1, so we can get the candy by Friday, December 15. If you would like to help with this fundraiser, please see me.

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

Friday, Nov. 10 - **SCHOOL IS CLOSED** to observe Veterans Day.

Wednesday, Nov. 22 - "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 23 & 24 -

BIBLE STORY & GOODIE BEAR TIME

We will read "Daniel and the Lions", from the Beginning Bible, Daniel 6:10-28. 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. 1 & 2, at 9:05 AM, in the church narthex.

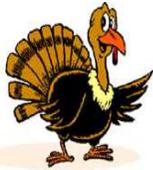
Ms. Rebecca's Pre-K Class

October was a fun month, filled with finger painting, golf ball art and making silly pumpkin faces. The children enjoyed having a harvest party, in the dramatic play area, with costumes and cake. Family Fun Day was awesome! Thank you to everyone who was able to help out with the dart board game, as well as for your support of this fun event. For the month of November, we will continue to work on our letters, with Zoo Phonics. The letters for this month will be 'G', 'H' and 'I'.

~Ms. Rebecca

Ms. Jayna and Ms. Tresha's Preschool Class

October was a very fun busy month. In the preschool room, we explored leaves and pumpkins. With the leaves, we talked about why they fall off trees and turn from green to brown. With pumpkins, we measured, weighed, sorted, and counted them. Thank you to everyone who helped out for Family Fun Day. We hope you had a fun, memorable time at the event. We would also like to thank those who came to our parent- teacher conferences. This was a very 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 Turkeys" Project, we will be sorting, counting, and predicting, how much we will raise for the Five Cities Christian Women's Food Pantry. Have a happy Thanksgiving Holiday.

~Ms. Tresha

Ms. Shirley and Mrs. Swati's Toddlers

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. They also had fun observing and feeling both the outside and insides of a pumpkin, making pumpkin pie and eating corn on the cob. They enjoyed learning about owls, spiders, and bats, as well. We have also been learning

about different shapes, like a crescent, oval, rectangle, square, star, and circle. 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 to be respectful of others". 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 family's own culture. Along with the children's accomplishments, you, our families, have been wonderful. Your response to helping our class with laundry and making playdough, has been amazing. We are grateful for all your support and willingness to take an active role in helping our class. Our 10th 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 wish you and your family a very happy and healthy Thanksgiving this year!!!

~ Ms. Shirley

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, as the group expressed interest, we read books, talked and sang songs about mice and pumpkins. They have also been enjoying the hidden object game, we've been playing, during our "Song & Story Time". The group watches as I hide three different objects under individual scarfs and take turns trying to remember where the "tiny pumpkin" is hidden. (Last month it was a "turtle"). This game is helping them to develop the concept of object permanence, and they have so much fun discovering what is hidden, whether they remember correctly or not. I'd like to extend some of our pumpkin explorations, 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 blessings of working with such precious children and the privilege of getting to know you, their families. I'd like to thank Ms. Mary, for caring for the Young Toddler group, during my trip to Israel,

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". They will use the money collected to buy turkeys for others in need this holiday season.. **SAVE YOUR PENNIES** and look for the collection containers in your child's classroom.

