



Message from Ms. Maddy

Friendship and Love are the foundations to building strong relationships. This month we will be sharing the importance of friendship and how to show friendship to one another. It is through the love of one another that friendship is fostered. In addition, each classroom will be hosting a "Friendship Day Party", which we hope you will be able to celebrate with your child. Please look for the sign-up, in your child's classroom, and talk with your child's teacher, to find out details pertaining to this fun event. It is our hope that you see, through our actions and words, how we, the staff of AGUMCC, have love for you and your child. We feel blessed that you have entrusted your greatest gift to us and we sincerely desire to foster a growing relationship, that will benefit your child during this precious time of learning and development.

It is time to start planning our **3rd Annual AGUMCC Golf Tournament**. We had our first meeting on Thursday, Jan 25. Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 15, at 6:00 pm. The focus of this meeting will be on which businesses to contact for door prizes, silent auction items, and golf participants. If you are a business, and would like to be a sponsor of a tee or a team, please let me know. This is a great way to advertise your business with the families in our program and in our community. This year's goal is to raise \$10,000. This money will help us with purchasing new flooring for the preschool classroom and my office, new window treatments in the Pre K classroom, more woodchips and sand for the backyard and a cover for the sandbox.

Many families have been asking, "When is Enrollment time?" Current families enroll in March, for our next session, starting July 2, 2018. All registration information will be in your family folders. See me for an additional "Registration Form", if you have a second child on our "Waiting List", and you will be able to register them too. I will contact families not currently enrolled and on our "Waiting List", starting April 2. We look forward to welcoming new families to our program. Most of our new families start with us in the toddler group. However, a few families will join us in the preschool and Pre-K groups, as well.

It is always good to plan ahead when looking for a quality program. We pride ourselves on having an educated staff, that have a love for and commitment to young children. Also, we work hard at creating quality interactive environments, both in the classroom and outside. We follow standards set by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), which include using the following evaluative and assessment tools: Environmental Rating Scales; Desired Results; Classroom Assessment System; and Ages and Stages. **Thank you to the staff, the families, the church and the board members, for all their time and dedication, in making this a great program.**

BIBLE STORY & TIME WITH GOODIE BEAR

We will read "The Children", from Matthew 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 **Wednesday & Thursday Feb 7 & 8, 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.

Dates to Remember

- Friday, February 2-
STAFF DEVELOPMENT and School Spirit Day. Wear your school T-shirt to show your school spirit. School will CLOSED at 3:30 pm on this day.
- Selected days in February -
"FRIENDSHIP DAY" Please check with your child's teacher for details.
- Monday, February 19 -
SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY
- Thursday, February 15 -
GOLF TOURNAMENT MEETING, at 6:00 PM

FRIENDSHIP

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

The Month of January was a time to practice and talk about keeping yourself and others healthy, by washing those Mean, Nasty Dirty Downright Disgusting but.... Invisible Germs away. We talked about the "Headache Germ", "Fever Germ", "Sore Throat Germ", "Earache Germ" and, the most horrible of them all, the "Throw-up Germ"!!!! We also had discussions about the weather and how we know it is winter. For the month of February we will be working on letters 'O', 'P' and 'Q'. We will also be having our "Friendship Day Party". I will let you know the date when it has been set. I look forward to what the children's interest are in February and learning about those ideas. ~ Ms. Rebecca

Ms. Jayna and Ms. Tresha's Preschool Class

Wow! Can you believe that February is already upon us? After all the busyness of the holidays, it's a good time to slow down and enjoy the upcoming season. In the coming month our class will be focusing on wintertime events, such as family traditions, weather changes, and how we enjoy spending our time during the changing weather. We'll be exploring, through science, how rain and snow are made. Through art and literature, we'll also introduce information about animals that live in the arctic regions. Now that the day time temps fluctuate, the way they do, I am asking all of you to check your child's cubby for extra clothes. Please make sure that they have two sets of clothing, one for cold days and the other for warm. This is important, as we don't always have appropriate changes of clothing available, in our donated items, for every child's size or need. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. Ms. Tresha and I are always here for you. Also, keep your eye out for more information and sign-ups for our "Friendship Day Party".

~Blessings, Ms. Jayna

Ms. Shirley and Mrs. Swati's Toddler

In January children had a lot of fun exploring "snow", cloud dough, and ice. Children learned about animals that live in snow, like penguins and polar bears and how they hibernate during winter. We talked about different kinds of clothes that we wear during winter time like mittens, hats and scarves. Children had fun making pretend hot chocolate and learning about different

types of weather. Children have been enjoying having different jobs in the classroom. We will be talking more about the daily weather and then counting the number of sunny, rainy, cloudy and windy days we have. We are practicing how to hold scissors and cut paper. Also, we have been focusing on problem solving, taking turns and emotions. Although February is the shortest month of the year, we have lots of activities to look forward too! It is the international month of friendship, which we will honor with discussions and stories. This month we will also be emphasizing the importance of friendship and how to show friendship to one another. In addition, we will have "Friendship Day Party", which we hope you can come celebrate with us. Please look out for the sign-up to help us with this class event. In March we are inviting our families to come and share their professions with us, so we can learn more about the different jobs you do in our community. Children have been interested in different role models such as fire fighters, doctors, mail carriers, to name a few. 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 to make playdough and to help with our class laundry. Thanks! ~Ms. Swati

Cindy Bo's Young Toddlers

In January, The Young Toddlers showed a lot of interest in our "Music & Movement" and "Song & Story" Times. Many of them would prepare themselves, beforehand, in anticipation of what we would be doing during these special small group experiences. They would select instruments and scarves, get out their crocheted circle, to sit on, or request a favorite song or story. They were also demonstrating strong language skills, as they expressed their interests, recalled things they had learned and actively participated in singing songs or responding to questions about the stories. It made for a very fun month together. We also made vegetable soup and the children added words to their vocabulary such as "raw", "cooked", "hot", etc. .

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 14**, and is sure to be a special time, for all who are able to attend. This is a good month to acknowledge what God tells us, in His word; "We Love because He first Loved us" (1 John 4:19). Love to you all!

~Cindy Bo