

Children's Center Chronicle

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center www.worshipweekly.com November

Message from Ms. Maddy:

The Staff extends a warm "Thank you" to all those who participated in the "Fall Tri Tip Event". The event was a success because of the 43 volunteers that kept everything running smoothly. We were able to raise \$3291.15. that we will use to purchase supplies for the classrooms.

Each year our school does a Community Service Project. We collect "PENNIES FOR TURKEYS". This project helps bring awareness to the needs of others. There is a spare change collection jar in each classroom. 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. They, in turn, will buy turkeys for families in need this holiday season. This is a great way to help others in our community.

We will be 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 Tuesday, December 4, so we can get the candy by Thursday, December 13. If you would like to help with this fundraiser, please see me.

This month we will have our annual "Giving Celebration". We invite all our families to join us for the celebration on Wednesday, November 21, 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.

Fall Parent Survey went out in October. We provided two ways for you to complete it; one, as a hard copy that was put in your family folder or, the other, electronically through Survey Monkey, via your email. 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. This year there was a new question about your families median income. This question is for grant writing purposes only.

HAPPY
THANKSGIVING
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 faithful-

Mark Your Calendar

Friday, Nov. 2 – Staff Development **SCHOOL IS CLOSED AT 3:30.**

It's SPIRIT DAY too! Wear your school T-shirt.

Monday, Nov. 12 - SCHOOL IS CLOSED to observe Veterans Day.

Wednesday, Nov. 21 - "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 22 & 23 - **SCHOOL IS CLOSED** for Thanksgiving Break.

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 on Faithfulness. This wonderful time together will be

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

Hi Families, October was a fun month! We learned about 'D' (DeeDee Deer), 'E' (Ellie Elephant), 'F' (Francy Fish) as well as the different names of triangles (isosceles, right, acute, obtuse, equilateral and scalene). I'm sure some of you noticed that moved our science area to a new spot in the classroom which has made the children a lot more interested in that area. Ms. Rebecca came up with a fun experiment! The science experiment involved putting water with red dye in a test tube, and then placing a leaf in it to see what would happen. The kids were very intrigued and made many predictions. They also drew pictures of what they saw happening to the leaves. We have observed that the children have been fascinated by chasing, catching, and games involving powers, during outside play time, so we have decided to read books and change our lesson plan to move in that direction. We are continuing our discussions of buildings around



the world and have included pictures of famous monuments like pyramids, the Eiffel Tower, etc. , in our block area, to inspire the children to build and replicate them. We hope you all had a wonderful and safe Halloween!

~Ms. Carissa

Ms. Daphne and Ms. Maddy's Preschool Class

In October we spent time learning about leaves, why they change colors, why some trees lose their leaves and others don't. The children collected leaves in varying sizes and stages of color from green to yellow. We worked on kindness and what that means. Helping each other throughout the day, saying please, thank you, excuse me, and giving a classmate a helping hand when needed. The children painted leaves and hung them from the ceiling in the classroom. They came out just beautiful. They also did leaf rubbings and made pumpkins using tissue paper. You may have noticed the pumpkins when they were hanging on our bulletin board. The children sorted acorns and pinecones using


a spoon and transferred spiders and bats using tweezers. They also did pattern work using small fall vegetables. All of these activities help foster fine motor and math skills. Thank you to the Bates and Davis families for making playdough last month. Also thank you to the Gaalswyk family for taking home the laundry. These two items are greatly appreciated by both myself, Ms. Maddy, and especially the children. A friendly reminder: if your child is not an Early Bird, please arrive with your child between 8:30-9:00 a.m. If you are running late, please call 805-481-2223 x 22. This helps out with snack count and preparing for our group time experience. Thank you! We are looking forward to another great month.

~Ms. Daphne

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 have been having fun collecting leaves from our backyard and courtyard and have been discovering hay, pumpkins, corn and leaves in our sensory bin. They were also showing interest in pretending to cook pancakes in the dramatic area, so we provided an opportunity for them to help make some real and delicious pancakes, as well. We will also be making pumpkin pie with them soon. We have been learning about different shapes like the crescent, oval, rectangle, triangle, square, star, and circle and have been learning about owls, spiders and bats through the books we've been reading with them. They have also been playing with wild animals and imitating the different sounds they make. Children have been observing and exploring the inside and outside of pumpkins and have had the opportunity to scoop out the seeds and taste them after they were baked. They helped to carve the pumpkins to create Jack-o-Lanterns, too. We continue to work on getting to know each other and on reviewing the classroom rules. The children have become very comfortable and adjusted to our class routines. The most important rule we have learned is that we are to be respectful of others. Thanksgiving is a time that we can communicate respect for others as we spend time talking about families and being thankful. We are blessed to have fami-

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".  The money collected will be used to buy turkeys for others in