



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 Party", which we hope you will be able to participate in some way 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 **4th Annual AGUMCC Golf Tournament**. The tournament will be Saturday May 18, 2019. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 7, 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 have a business, and would like to be a sponsor of a tee or have 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 years goal is to raise \$8,000. This money will help us with purchasing supplies and materials for the classrooms, new flooring in the school office, and window treatments in the Pre K classroom.

Family Fun Night is back!! March 8 from 6:30 -8:00 pm. We are going to have a pizza dinner at 6:30 pm and boat races start at 7:00 pm in Criswell Hall. Our goal is to raise \$500 to help the staff attend the CAEYC conference in Santa Clara on April 11 to the 13th. Pizza dinner is \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids. Boats are \$5. See the attached flyer for details.

Enrollment time is March for families who are currently enrolled and starting our 2019-2020 session on July 1, 2019. Registration information will be put in your family folders and due by March 15th. See me for an additional "Registration Form", if you have a second child on our "Waiting List". As a current family member, you are able to register him or her at this time as well. I will contact families on our "Waiting List", starting March 25, 2019. We look forward to welcoming new families to our program. Most of our new families start with us in the toddler groups. However, a few families can 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 & GOODIE BEAR TIME

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 6 & 7, 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 1- STAFF DEVELOPMENT and School Spirit Day.** Wear your school T-shirt to show your school spirit. School will be CLOSED at 3:30 pm on this day.
- **Selected days in February - FRIENDSHIP PARTIES** Please check with your child's teacher for details.
- **Monday, February 18 - SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY**

Congratulations Weitkamp Family

New Baby Girl (sister to Julia in Room 4)

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

The month of January was full of change. We said our goodbyes to Ms. Carissa and welcomed Ms. Mary to the Pre-K class. The children showed an interest in eggs and nests. We read books about eggs, nests and the different creatures that lay eggs. We also did science experiments with eggs and made predictions on what would happen. If you didn't already know, we welcomed a new friend to our class. Her name is Saydee so you can ask your child about their new friend. Towards the end of January we have begun our assessments of the children for parent/teacher conference time in March. Finally, in February, our letter focus will be 'O', 'P' and 'Q' and we will be having a **sign-up sheet for our "Friendship Party"**.
~ Ms. Rebecca

Ms. Daphne and Ms. Maddy's Preschool Class

January was a wonderful month. We worked on cutting, sorting, and gathering sticks, on our winter walk, that the children later used for painting. The children enjoyed the stories we read about Kwanzaa. They also had fun placing Kwanzaa candles on our felt Kinara. We talked about the different types of weather we have had and we charted it. With all the rain we had, the children made "Rain Art" using primary color paints and water colors. Along with the weather, we discussed how cold it has been. This brought up the topic of what some animals do in the winter time, which is Hibernation. Another topic the children were interested in was the moon. We talked about why, at night, the moon looks different and we did sequencing work to help the children learn the phases of the moon. We learning about the changes of the moon and sequenced the moons phases. We started meditating for 1 minute, several days per week. Please



ask your child about this special quiet time. The children seem to love it. Some sit and some are laying down. I have also started asking them what they've heard while being quiet. The class will be starting this month learning about love and friendship by working together and getting ready for our **"Friendship Celebration" on Thursday, February 14, at 12:00 noon, in our classroom.** We will also be celebrating Chinese New Year with the Cal Poly Lion Dancers as they come early in the month. We are looking forward to another great month.
~Ms. Daphne

Ms. Shirley and Mrs. Swati's Toddler

Looking back at January, it was exciting to see the children playing and painting with ice. We also put arctic animals in the ice for them to find. As we tried to keep warm during our winter time weather, children enjoyed dressing up with hats and mittens. Our "Pizza Shop" in dramatic play became a very popular stop in the classroom. The children enjoyed putting pizza's together and serving them to each other. We even decided to make a real pizza together, that we could eat, as a classroom activity. Polar bears, penguins and other arctic animals were talked about at group time and used in art activities. The children asked if we could paint with them so we used them with paint to make animal foot prints. In February we will be talking about our fruit of the spirit "Love", and how we should love one another as God loves us. On **Thursday, February 14th we will have a "Friendship Breakfast"** and there will be sign-ups for this special event. The children will be busy making decorations for this day. Valentines can be exchanged also during this friendship party. As we watch your children grow in leaps and bounds, we have noticed they really enjoy playing and working together. Therefore, we are planning to do a lot of group activities this month. Just a reminder for everyone to remember to label jackets, lunch pails and other items that you bring to school for your child. Thank you for all your support. We appreciate it a lot.
~Ms. Shirley