

# Children's Center Chronicle

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center

September

## A Message From Ms. Maddy

We are looking forward to a great new school year. Our traditional school starts on Tuesday, September 2. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families. This season we have 52 children enrolled -That's six more than last year! Parent Orientation Night was an informative evening and well attended. If you still have questions, please feel free to make an appointment with Ms. Maddy.

**Parent participation is the key to the success of our school!** In the month of September we are having a **Family Fun Day** with a Trike-A-Thon, BBQ and a Carnival. Please ask your child's teacher/caregiver what activity your class has planned for the Carnival and see how you can help. There are many ways you and your child can take part in this big event; sell BBQ tickets, buy tickets to play games at the carnival, or participate and get pledges for the Trike-A-Thon. If you collect \$25 in pledges you get 10 free tickets toward rides at the carnival. If you collect \$100 in pledges you get a free play pass to the carnival and one BBQ meal ticket.

**Thank you to the volunteers that give of their time for our school!** Greg and Xochitl Rubio, Frank Lindner, and Laura Krulewecki for beautifying our school, Gen Yamada and Adeline Bottroff for improving our library, and Virginia Mothes for managing our account receivables. We are so grateful for these giving people!



### Theme for The Month

#### "I Am Special"

Help us to get to know your family better by completing your child's family collage. If you have not received your collage poster, Please let your teacher know.

### Fruit of The Spirit

#### \* Kindness \*

"The LORD is righteous in everything He does; he is filled with kindness"

Psalm 145:17



### Saturday, September 6

Cindy Bo's Over the Hill(s) Ride and 50th Birthday Party (*Invitations are available at the sign-in desk*)

### Thursday September 4

Family Fun Day planning meeting 6:30 PM

### Monday, September 15

Scholastic book orders due!

### Wed. and Thurs., September 17 & 18

Pony Pictures @ 9:30 AM

### Saturday, September 20

Family Fun Day Trike-A-Thon, BBQ and Carnival from 11:00 AM to 2:00PM

## **Ms. Stephanie's and Ms. Maddy's Pre-K Class**

We like to give a great big **Welcome** to everyone. We are off and running with another exciting year of Pre- K. To help us get to know your family better, please return your child's college so he/she can share it during group time. We have been working very hard this summer to make this the best year ever at AGUMCC. We will involve the children in learning through journal writing, "Zoo Phonics" and "Math Everyday". **R e m e m b e r** plenty of rest and good nutrition make great learners.

*-Ms. Stephanie & Ms. Maddy*

## **Ms. Melissa, Ms. Nichole, and Mr. Paul's Preschool Class**

September has rapidly approached us. Preschool Room 3 eagerly welcomes Ms. Melissa, returning to join our team, as well as the new group of children. We welcome our new children and their families and have many fun activities and learning experiences to look forward to. Our theme this month is "I Am Special". We will not only learn about our new group but about each other and our individual identity. The children will also begin learning name recognition, identifying the first letter of their name, and practice counting. We encourage participation in free choice activities in our classroom. If you have any suggestions or questions, feel free to talk to any of us.

*-Mr. Paul & Ms. Nichole*

### **Wish List**

- \* Laundry Volunteers
- \* Crib Mattress *and/or* Bean Bag Chairs for Cozy Spaces

## **Ms. Lori's Young Toddlers**

September 2, 2008 we are Back to School. It's been so wonderful getting to know all the new families starting this fall in Room 2 and also meeting the existing families who have siblings who already attend preschool. Sharing information supports smooth transitions to preschool. Thanks for taking the time to meet with us and learn more about you and your families. We will continue to expand sharing about families with our theme this month "I Am Special". Transitions and routines will be the primary focus the first few weeks of school. It might be a little stressful while the children begin to trust me, their caregiver, one another, their new surroundings and the daily schedule. Be patient with this, as they will have this mastered sooner than you think. I am looking forward to a year full of exploration, discovery, learning and most of all fun. Yes, learning and practicing is fun in Room 2!!!!

*-Ms Lori*

## **Cindy Bo and Ms. Tierra's Toddlers**

We start a new school year on my birthday, September 2 (My 50th!) I love the opportunity to welcome new children and their families into our program. We will spend a lot of time just getting to know each other. This is a very important part of, what will be for many, a first time school experience. As we help them learn that each child is special, they will develop a sense of belonging and significance as part of the group. Establishing a consistent and familiar routine will make their day predictable, helping them to develop a sense of security in their new environment. Building strong primary care relationships will also provide the sense of security they will need during this time of adjustment. Welcome and blessings to all!!

*-Cindy Bo*



We look forward to a great school year!