

Children's Center Chronicle

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center

November 2008

Message from Ms. Maddy Our focus for the month is "Being Thankful and Sharing with Others", hence this is the month of our *"Giving Celebration"*. Our celebration will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 26th, in Criswell Hall at 12:00. We invite all our families to join us for the celebration from 12:00—1:00. Remember to sign out your child at 12:00 because school will be closed at 12:00. Each family is encouraged to sign up and bring something to give to the celebration. Instead of individual lunches, on this day we will sit together, eat a wonderful meal, and share in the "Spirit of Giving". In order for this event to be a success, we will need some volunteers. Sign ups will be posted at the Sign In table.

I hope all the families enjoyed their time with their caregivers and teachers during conferences. You should have received a short Parent Survey. Please complete it and return as soon as possible. It is important for us to receive your input. The information you provide will let us know more about you and your child's experience at school. Your suggestions will help provide continued improvements to our program. It is our ambition to offer a quality program for the children, the parents, and the staff.

AGUMCC would like to offer a "Morning Social". Stop by the McMillen Room for coffee and conversation meet with other parents on Thursday, November 13th at 8:00 AM -9:00 AM.

The staff is selling "Winter Wreaths". Each wreath sold donates \$10.00 to our school. These fresh, fragrant wreaths can be shipped directly to you or a special someone. The monies raised will assist in sending teachers to Annual California Association for the Education of Young Children's Conference. The goal is for each teacher to sell 25 wreaths. If you are interested in purchasing or know of others who would like a "Winter Wreath" contact any staff member. Orders and money are due by November 12th, 2008.

December is the time for our *Scholastic Book Fair*. We are looking for volunteers who would like to help out. The weeks of December 8—19th. Volunteers will receive \$10.00 in free books. Please contact Gen Yamada if you can help. 431-4521.

Theme for The Month

"Being Thankful and Sharing With Others"



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 and the children practice daily.

Mark Your Calendar

Friday, November 7 - School Closes at 3:30 for Staff Development

Thursday, November 13th— AGUMCC Morning Social. in the Mc Millen Rm 8:00 AM -9:00 AM.

Friday, November 14th - Scholastic Book orders are due.

Wednesday, November 26 - "Giving Celebration"

Sign up to bring an item for the celebration meal. The school will celebrate and eat the "Giving Soup" together at 12:00 in Creswell Hall. Remember to first sign your child out before 12:00 because school is closed at 12:00.

November 27-28 — School is closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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

October was filled with many exciting harvest activities, including learning about pumpkins, spiders, corn and scarecrows. We also began exploring letters of the alphabet, focusing on the letters 'A' through 'D'. We also worked on early writing skills. This month we will be working with the letters 'E' through 'H'. Our math focus will be on AABB patterns, one to one correspondents of the numbers 1-4 and positional words. We will also be learning about what joy giving can be. On November 26 we will be having a "Giving Celebration", so please sign up to bring an item to give to be used for the celebration. Happy Thanksgiving to all the families and remember that school will be closed November 27-28.

- Ms. Katelynn

Ms. Nichole and Mr. Paul's Preschool Class

We had a great October. We explored pumpkins, seeds and the different colors of leaves. our class enjoyed "Weather Walks" to see what the weather was like outside. We talked about how corn grows and we will continue this theme as we look at the way different harvest vegetables grow. Families, Thank you for bringing pumpkins for our class pumpkin patch. The children really enjoyed them.

-Ms. Nichole

Cindy Bo and Ms. Tierra's Toddlers

Last month the older toddlers enjoyed learning all about fall. We explored the shapes, colors, and textures of leaves, pumpkins, and gourds. Thank you to the families who brought something to share. Our class enjoyed going

on a walk to collect leaves for art. During "Song and Story Time" we worked on counting pumpkins. This month we will be learning about being thankful for what we have. We will also continue to explore leaves, pumpkins, gourds, as well as fall harvest foods.

-Ms. Tierra

Ms. Lori's Young Toddlers

The month of October room 2 was full of new friends, animals, pumpkins, barns, classroom pets and home visits. Thanks to the families for allowing me into your homes. November promises to be another month to expand on our farm theme. We will be attempting to grow an array of root vegetables and read the story "Stone Soup" as we learn more about the connection between farm and family. Studies show that a toddler's brain grows through repetition and that is why we have maintained studying about farm life and will continue this through the end of the year. For all you parents who have a toddler who wants you to read a story to them over and over, this is a developmental stage that is crucial for future learning and good brain growth. So remember, when you're reading the same story for the hundredth time, your really growing little genius'. Happy Thanks Giving

-Ms Lori

School Wish List

- Laundry Volunteers
- Sewing project Volunteers
- Toddler Riding Toys



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