

# Children's Center Chronicle

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## Message From Ms. Maddy

Thank you to all the families staying with us for the 2024-2025 Session that starts Monday, July 1, 2024. **Tell others that AGUMCC has openings in our Preschool and TK Classes.** If you know someone who desires and needs quality child care, please tell them about us. Children who enroll now will be ensured a spot in the next session beginning in July.

Also, thank you to those who came and supported our **Pancake Breakfast, Open House, & Children's Center Sunday Singing, Art Show and Silent Auction in April.** These wonderful events showcased the quality of childcare for the children and families the staff serves.

## **NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK IS MAY 6-10 2024.**

Let's show our outstanding teachers how we appreciate their love, care, and dedication they have given your child by completing the attached THANK YOU NOTE(s). Please return your **THANK YOU(s) by Tues, May 7, 2024,** to make a special THANK YOU booklet for each staff member. Also, let me know if you want to help me with this project. I will have a collection box on the Check-In/Out counter for you to drop off your THANK YOU NOTE(s). If you need more copies of the attached THANK YOU, extras will be in the collection box.

**Family Surveys is out.** Please complete your survey online or return the attached survey to the envelope at the Check-In counter by Thursday, **May 16<sup>th</sup>**. The surveys provide information regarding what you, our families, think about our program and how we can improve it. I look forward to reviewing the survey feedback and sharing the information in the June newsletter. Use this link <https://forms.gle/WZfNpqiXHzZ6pU3n6> or the QR Code  to take the survey on line.

## Thank you to our May

Friends of the Children's Center Sponsor  
**First United Methodist Endowment**

## **Show your School Spirit!**

Order your T- shirt (\$15)  
or sweatshirt (\$20) now.



**Don't delay! Order by Friday, May 17, 2024**

Children are going to Tie Dying their School Shirt for a **Keepsake** of their time at AGUMCC.

## Dates to remember

- May 6-10 Teacher Appreciation Week
- Sunday, May 12- Mother's Day!
- Monday, May 27 - School is Closed for Memorial Day
- Thursday, June 20- Last Day of School. It's a Minimum Day school closes at Noon.
- Thursday, June 20—Promotion in The sanctuary at Noon.
- Friday, June 21- School is Closed for Staff Development.
- June 24 to June 28—School is Closed for Summer Break
- Monday, July 1—First Day of School for 2024-2025 School
- Thursday July 4—School is Closed



## **BIBLE STORY TIME**

Children will hear the story of "Hannah's Prayer", from 1 Samuel 1 & 2, in the Beginning Bible. "Fruit of the Spirit" teaching is on "Patience". The Bible Verse is ...Be Patient bearing with one another in love. *Ephesians 4:2*

Ms. Elvia TK Class

April was an exciting month!! We are officially finished with the letters X, Y, and Z. The children were so excited that we had finished the whole alphabet. Children have done an amazing job coming up with words that begin with our letter of the week and counting the syllables as we clap out the word. On the other hand, during table art, children colored their own watering cans and painted flowers. We also talked about the different parts of the flowers. For the letter X, children created an X-ray of their hand. They traced their hand with a white crayon on black construction paper and glued Q-tips to represent their bones. Children learned about an X-Ray, and we watched videos about it. In addition, during this month, children have learned about various famous painters like Pablo Picasso, Van Gough, and Claude Monet and looked at the various paintings they did. For instance, children created a self-portrait inspired by Pablo Picasso, gluing different facial features to their black-and-white self-portrait. They had so much fun working on this art piece as they talked about the different emotions their portrait depicted and how we all look differently. The children did amazing work on their collaborative art piece titled The Waterlily Pond inspired by Claude Monet. Lastly, thank you to all the families that came to our Open House. It was great seeing you and enjoying this day with your child as they showed you the different areas of their classroom. Thank you all for all your support. It's greatly appreciated!

For May, we will focus on bugs/insects, and the classroom will be displayed with many bug activities. For our bible story, the main focus is "Patience," we will read books about patience and talk about how we need to be patient with ourselves and others. I will also introduce the concept of subtraction to the children and talk about the many sides and corners of an octagon. Lastly, we will work on-site words as we sound out the word and spell it out together.

Ms. Swati and Liz's Preschool Class

We can almost feel Spring vibes with sunshine and lots of seasonal blooms. I want to start with an extra special thank you to our families for supporting Open House and The Children's Center Art Show. We had a wonderful time learning about Kandinsky Art and being inspired to make our art as a class. The joy on our children's faces as they explored their creativity was truly heartwarming. Thank you for coming to Open House and to Church to hear the children sign and see the beautiful art at our Children's Center Sunday Celebration on April 28th.

Children were excited to pretend to be doctors and nurses. They learned to wait for their turns patiently. We used visual aids like timers and a name list to help them be successful. As we approach May, the weather change may start overcast and end warm. Please make sure your child has an extra change of clothes and layers for the day. We are working hard to put our jackets on all by ourselves, starting with

turning the sleeves right in. We are also having the children put their socks and shoes on without assistance; please practice with your child at home, and you will see how proud they are to do it all by themselves. The children have been interested in finding insects in the backyard, and we will take this interest in the children and do fun art activities like bug painting, color sorting with bugs, etc. May is the month to acknowledge the love of all moms, grandmothers, and aunts. Children will work on a special art project to show their love their moms. I want to wish all the class moms, grandmas, aunts... **A Very Blessed Mother's Day.**

*"Mothers are like glue. Even when you can't see them, they're still holding the family together."* —Susan Gale.



Thank you to all of our families for entrusting us with the care and education of your children.

In love, light, and learning Ms. Swati and Ms. Liz

Ms. Shirley and Mrs. Cindy Bo's Toddler Class

Spring has sprung, and we have noticed in our backyard that the strawberry plants are budding flowers and bringing baby strawberries. The children also need to water the new plants in the backyard. The children noticed that the butterflies looked for the life cycle of the caterpillars to appear on the butterfly bush. In the courtyard, the big event was releasing ladybugs in the gardens. The children really got excited to see them crawl and fly all over. In the classroom, the children watch their beans sprout in the window.

In April, we read "The Hungry Caterpillar" and used the caterpillar puppet to tell the story. For art, they made fold-over butterflies that were hung in the classroom and displayed at Children's Center Sunday. Open House also happened. We were so excited to have you come to our classroom and visit the preschool class, which most of you will attend in the next session. Thank you to all who supported the Pancake Breakfast fundraiser, which enabled the staff to participate in a conference in Pasadena with the money we raised from the event. The breakfast was especially good. We wanted to thank



Lauren Uhl, Oliver's mom, who coordinated and helped with the event's success. Lastly, we want to thank all who bid on our Jackson Pollock splatter canvas and contributed to the Children's Center Sunday Art Show and Ice Cream Social.

It was a very busy month, and we expect May to be just as exciting as we celebrate teachers and moms. We look forward to seeing what the children's interests will be to guide our lessons. Blessing to all the moms and grandmothers this month. May you be blessed beyond measure. In God's love, Ms. Shirely