

Children's Center Chronicle

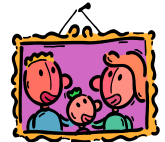
Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center visit us on the web at worshipweekly.com August 2024

Message from Ms. Maddy:

We are delighted to welcome Esther Gomez to our team. She will co-teach with Ms. Liz in the preschool class from Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 5:30 pm, starting August 19th. Ms. Ester comes to us from Ivanhoe, just northeast of Tulare, California. While working in early childhood, she attended the College of the Sequoias, taking an Early Childhood Education course.

We still have openings in our Preschool and TK Classes for children who can independently and successfully use the toilet. Preschoolers who are 2 by January 2021 and Pre-K children are 3 by January 2020. We pride ourselves on having an educated staff who love and commit to young children's development. We strive to create interactive environments to create a joy for learning both in the classroom and outside. Additionally, our Pre-K program follows the guidelines the Department of Education set forth, designed to help children successfully enter Kindergarten.

Have you completed your child's "Family Board"? This wonderful activity bridges the relationship between school and home and helps our staff get to know your families better. Please let your child's teacher know if you have not yet received your collage poster board.



Do you know someone who would like to be our next months
"Friend's of the Children's Center Sponsor?"

Please contact Ms. Maddy
805-481-2223

AGUMCC WISH LIST

- * Baby Wipes
- * * Bird Seed
- * Container of Bubbles
- * Salt and Flour
- * 1 Gallon jugs of drinking water
 - * 5 oz drinking cups
- * White and Green Cardstock
 - * White copy paper
 - * Light Blue Paper
 - * Light Green Paper



GOODIE BEAR & BIBLE STORY

WED. & THURS. AUG. 7TH AND 8TH
AT 9:05 IN THE NARTHEX.

We will read **Luke 19: 1-10** from the Children's Beginning Bible. It's a story about **Zacchaeus** and how he learned to become **TRUSTWORTHY**.

Important Dates to Remember

Friday, August 2 **Staff Development**. School Spirit Day!
Wear your AGUMCC T-Shirt. **SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3:30**

Monday, September 2- **SCHOOL IS CLOSED** for Labor Day.

Friday, September 6- **Staff Development**. Spirit Day!
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Ms. Elvia and Ms. Swati's TK Class

It has been a pleasure getting to know every child this school year. We have really enjoyed our first month of TK and learning about your children. We hope they are enjoying their new class as the "Big Kids," as many said. We are looking forward to getting to know each other more as the year continues.

In July, we spent time getting to know each other. The children explored and enjoyed the different areas in the classroom, such as the manipulatives, blocks, library, science, math, and dramatic areas. We also introduced the class schedule, which is in the front of the class in picture form and on the door. We talked about TK's expectations and rules and how important it is to be respectful, responsible, and safe. In addition, children sorted picture cards and said whether it was a green or red choice. Children have been finding bugs in the courtyard, and they have been enjoying building structures in the block area.

We started our school year with an ocean theme, in which children painted a large butcher paper using brushes and sponges to create different textures. We also included different shades of blue, in which children had fun mixing and creating new colors. We talked about what their favorite sea animal was, and during group time, we watched videos and learned about those animals. In addition, in the second group, children dance and move using their creative movements, which they enjoy. We also did an emotional activity of the children's feelings and why.

In August, we will be introducing our ZooPhonics alphabets and numbers. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, we will introduce our "Share" time; children can bring items like pictures, drawings from the internet, or a magazine corresponding to the week's letter. For example, A is for apple, and bring a picture of an apple. We will laminate their paper and put them together in an ABC binder. Moreover, in August, our bible story will focus on Trustworthy, and the story will be "A Short Man" Zacchaeus.

It was nice meeting some of the parents at the Orientation Night. Thank you for taking your valuable time! I look forward to getting to know you and your child and being a part of their growth and development. ~ Ms. Elvia

Ms. Liz's Preschool Class

What a wonderful summer we had in the Preschool class. We welcome August as we "officially" return to school this month. Thank you to the families for being supportive and flexible in July as we are adjusting to a new classroom, routines, and friends. The children are getting accustomed to their new schedule and new expectations wonderfully. They have shown great pride in being in the "big kid" classroom.

The Family Boards have been a big hit with our friends. The children delight in showing pictures of their loved ones to each other and comparing how we are alike and different. We appreciate the time that each family took to make this for their child.

Last month, we focused on becoming comfortable with our classroom and teachers. We have learned all about circles and are now noticing them everywhere! This month, we will focus on ourselves and our families. We will draw pictures of our families and make adorable self-portraits as we continue to bridge the gap between home and school. We will begin collecting data for your child's upcoming fall conference in September. Everyone has developed a great routine of dropping off their children in the morning and during pickup. Please make sure to check your child's folder for artwork and notices. In addition, please look in their cubby for any soiled clothing that may need to come home. Dressing your child in layers for their school day is also helpful. The weather can fluctuate from very cold in the morning to hot in the afternoon. Thank you to the families who have helped with laundry and donated items to the school; we greatly appreciate it. We look forward to another exciting month with you and your children. Thank you, Elizabeth Delory

Ms. Sibyl and Ms. Cindy Bo's Toddlers

July was a very busy and fun month for us in the toddler room. I was so thankful for the extended time off following our summer break before my dad's passing. I was blessed to have that time with him and to know God would take care of things during my absence that first week of the new school year.

I have enjoyed getting to know Ms. Sibyl and appreciate what she brings to our toddler program and her caring nature with the children. We have both enjoyed getting to know our new group of toddlers and their families, too.

The new children have been quick to learn our daily routines and are becoming more confident as they engage in various activities and with each other. Our experienced toddlers have been instrumental in showing them the ropes. We've had a lot of fun with various activities and have focused on helping the children communicate their feelings, needs, and interests and navigate through conflicts with each other.

The children have shown a lot of interest in dramatic play and large motor activities, so we will be looking for ways to add to and expand on those interests this month.

We look forward to another fun month together. Please let us know if you have any questions about your child's school experience. We truly enjoy building relationships with each of your unique and precious children. ~ Cindy Bo