

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message from Ms. Maddy

Thank you to our families for choosing AGUMCC for their child's early childhood education and care. Thank you to the staff for their dedication to our program and daily love for the children. I greatly appreciate all the continued support from the First United Methodist Church members to help keep our outstanding school open for our 19th year! We opened on July 21, 2005, as a Christian ministry to serve the community. We are grateful we are still going strong. The Lord has truly blessed this Children's Center. We are incredibly thankful for all the families who have trusted us with their child's care and education.

As everyone settles back into the routine after summer, we are excited about the new school year ahead. We want to express our gratitude to our school families who have shared with others how happy they are with the quality of care and the low child-to-teacher ratio we offer. Your satisfaction is a testament to our program's positive impact on the children, and we are proud to be a part of their growth and development.

September is Parent/Teacher Conference time. All the families received an Ages and Stages Questionnaire to complete. We hope that the families enjoyed doing the activities with their children. The information you provide will be used as a part of the overall assessment that the teachers will share with you during "Parent/Teacher Conference."

It's HARVEST PARADE TIME on Sat. Sept 28. Join AGUMCC and First United Methodist Church and sign up to participate. Everyone must be at the staging area at 9:00 am on West Branch St., just past Old Ranch Rd., to be in the parade. Children must be with their parents to participate in the parade. Children can ride their trikes, bikes, or scooters. Please remember to bring a hat, water, and snacks. Show your school spirit by wearing your AGUMCC t-shirt.

Do you and your child need a T-shirt? Order by September 7th to ensure you have one in time for the parade. Children's T-shirts are \$10, and Adults' T-shirts are \$20.

Thank You to our September

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Please contact Ms. Maddy

BIBLE STORY & GOODIE BEAR

Wed. Sept. 4 & Thurs. Sept. 5 at 9 am in the Narthex

The Children's Beginning Bible Story is —Exodus 20.

This story is about Moses going to the mountain to get the 10 Commandments from God.



Our moral teaching is: "Be Respectful."

Let's show respect to one another. Respect is the cornerstone of our school community. It's not just about following rules or using manners. It's about valuing each other's opinions and being open to different perspectives. Let's continue to foster a culture of respect where everyone feels heard and appreciated.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Mon. Sept 2 —

⇒ Labor Day School is Closed

Fri., Sept. 6

⇒ Spirit & Staff Meeting Day. School Closes at 3:30

Sat. Sept. 28

⇒ Arroyo Grande Annual Harvest Parade

Ms. Swati Pre-K Class

August was a very busy month with many of the older children transitioned to different schools. I want to welcome new children and families to our classroom and program. We worked on the letters Aa for Allie Alligator, Bb for Bubba Bear, and Cc for Catina Cat. In addition, children are working hard on their conference packet tracing, cutting, and recognizing letters and numbers. We also wrote down the ways to be trustworthy on the small leaf. Children have been collecting different leaves as they fall from our big tree in the backyard and observing under the magnifying glass to see how they are different yet the same. Children seem to enjoy building ramps and structures with blocks and Legos. Children enjoyed answering questions and sharing their pictures of the week's letter. One of our shared items was a picture of birds for the letter Bb.

In September, we will introduce the letters Dd, Ee, and Ff. We will finish up our packets and get ready for parent-teacher conferences. Children will explore the differences and similarities between squares and rectangles, mixing primary colors to make secondary colors. We will discuss ways to be respectful after we hear the Bible story about Moses and the Ten Commandments. I look forward to meeting with all of you during conference time. Be on the lookout for the conference signup sheet to schedule an appointment. I would love some support to help with doing laundry, making Play-Doh, and cutting out any art project. Please connect me if you can help. ~ Thanks Swati

Ms. Liz's Preschool Class

Happy September to all of our preschool families! It has been an exciting start to the new school year, and time is flying by! We have become accustomed to our new class schedule as some older siblings return to school. Thank you, especially to our parents, for helping your children develop an encouraging and meaningful drop-off routine. As they have become more comfortable at school, we have seen our friends have fewer tears and difficulties saying goodbye. We also greatly appreciate everyone's punctuality when arriving. It sets up a very successful day for your child.

The children are beginning to explore the environment and centers, showing increased interest in our dramatic play area environment. They have been working hard on taking turns and asking each other to play. This month, we will also focus on your child's Fall assessments and conferences. I look forward to meeting with you and discussing their many successes.

In addition, there are ways you can help your child have the most successful and engaging day possible at school. Such as have your child wear closed-toe shoes that are easy to run in. Your helping them to put on their own socks and shoes. With warm weather, it is helpful to send your child with a full water bottle every day. If they finish all their water, we are glad to refill it for them.

Breakfast is an integral part of a successful day, we recommend everyone wake up early and enjoy this time together as a family. This month, we will begin discussing nutrition and the different food groups. We encourage this dialogue at home. The children love talking about food, and we have found many ways to connect at lunchtime. They enjoy making their own choices and feeling accomplished in opening their own containers and packages. Thank you to our preschool families for their support and trust in us with your children.

Sincerely, ~ Elizabeth Delory

Ms. Sibyl and Ms. Cindy Bo's Toddlers

We extend a warm welcome to our newest toddlers and their families. Welcome Bodhi Brooks, Eagan Jameson, Izabella Morris, and Lillian Moser!

It's already September. I will miss out on all the growth and learning that will take place the first two weeks because I will be gone to enjoy a long-planned trip to Croatia. No Worries, Ms. Shirley will be covering for me and my primaries are in good hands. I know it will be a fun-filled month, and I look forward to seeing you all when I return.

During August, the toddlers were excited to learn about different forms of transportation, especially school buses. We sang "The Wheels on the Bus" a lot, and the children also had the opportunity to paint a school bus, paint with school buses (and other play vehicles), and wash school buses. They continued to show interest in using the squirt bottles to water our strawberries and to pop bubbles. Many of the toddlers explore their interactions with others and engage in a lot of group-play activities. There is a lot of curiosity about their emotions and their similarities and differences with others, too.

This month, we plan to explore many ways to use apples. We will also engage in activities that explore different emotions and our similarities and differences with one another.

This is our month for Parent-Teacher Conferences, and Miss Sibyl and I look forward to that special time of meeting with you to discuss your child's strengths and the areas of development we are working on with them. Please make sure to look for the conference sign-ups in the classroom. We consider our time with your children a true blessing,

~ Cindy Bo

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Thank you, *Ms. Maddy*