

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message from the Director, Ms. Maddy



Get ready for a visit from the pony 'Star' on Wednesday, October 9, and Thursday, October 10, at 9:00 a.m. for the toddler group, 9:35 for the Preschool Group, and 10:00 for the TK group. Brothers and Sisters are welcome to come and have their picture with Star, too. See last year's pictures in your child's classroom or in the office. There is no obligation to purchase. Every child will get their picture taken. You can decide whether or not you'd like to buy them after seeing them. If your child does not attend school on Wednesday or Thursday, you are welcome to come and stay with your child to have his/her picture taken.

Start collecting your pennies and spare change for the those in need. Since 2005, this Community Service Project has been a beacon of hope, raising \$5280.28. Last year, we raised an impressive \$841.66. Our goal this year is to raise \$500. The money we collect will be given to the Five Cities Christian Food Pantry to buy turkeys for the Christmas Baskets. Did you know that for every \$1 you give, it has a value of \$10 at the Food Bank? During November, look for the collection container in your child's classroom.

REMINDERS:

- **Check your Family Folder** in your child's classroom and **Childpilot** for daily Messages or Activities to avoid missing any information or pictures of your child having fun at school.
- **30-Day Notice Policy.** If you need to change your "Child Care Agreement," it is required to give a 30-day written notice.
- **The Parking Lot Safety:** All these reminders are for everyone's safety.
 1. Slow down in the parking lot and follow the 5 MPH. To help with traffic flow, please enter from Halcyon and exit onto Bennett St.
 2. It is unlawful to leave a child in your vehicle when dropping off a child or leave you car running. Vc 15620(a) and vc 22516.
 3. If assistance is needed during drop or for pick up, please ask any staff person
- **Be cell phone-free** when dropping off or picking up your child for transitioning you child to and from school.
- **Instead of Halloween:** AGUMCC will have a Pajama Day on Thur. Oct. 31. Please save treats and customs for after-school fun.

GOODIE BEAR & BIBLE STORY TIME

WED. OCT. 2ND & THUR. OCT. 3RD.

We will read Mathew 14:13-21, "The Big Picnic," from the Beginning Bible. This story is about a boy who shared his lunch with Jesus, when he preached to the multitudes. Our "Fruit of the Spirit" teaching is on Kindness. Being kind to others is showing God's love to one another.

Mark Your Calendar

Friday, October 6, - STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY AND SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY. Wear your school T-shirt, to show your school spirit. **SCHOOL WILL CLOSE AT 3:30 PM.**

Wednesday Oct. 9 and Thursday, Oct. 10 - PICTURE DAYS, WITH "STAR", THE PONY.

Toddlers @ 9, Preschool @ 9:35, TK @ 10

"Friends of the Children's Center Year End Giving Campaign for 2024".

Help make a difference in a child's life.

You or someone you know can make a one-time donation or become a monthly sponsor by visiting www.agumcc.org, click the GIVE NOW Button, or use the QR code.



Thank You to our October

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Sally and Bill Weitkamp

Ms. Swati's TK Class

Wow, time is flying, and it is time for teacher/parent conferences to discuss your children's progress since they have been here. Please choose a date and time that works. Let me know if the dates and times given don't work out. I'm looking forward to meeting with you all soon!

September has been a month of lots of learning and fun in the TK classroom. We introduced the letters D, E, and F from our Zoo Phonics. The children like the associated animal puppets, and they ask if they can hold or give them a hug. Along with the letters, children learn the name, sound, and movement of the letter and think of words that begin with the letter we are discussing. We also discuss whether it's an uppercase, lowercase letter, a vowel, or a consonant.

Ask your child what shapes we are learning in class. This month, we introduce Ricky Rectangle. Children have created many art projects, such as dinosaur marble art, finger painting their name, and decorating Elmer Elephant. Moreover, children enjoy different classroom activities, such as the sensory bin by sorting the pretend apples by color.

Children are having fun in the Farmers Market dramatic center, taking the roles of a cashier and customers as they shop for fruits and vegetables. Also, they sorted the fruits/veggies based on their color and decided whether they were fruits or vegetables. A favorite game children enjoyed was a memory match with apple cards. This game involved turn-taking, patience, counting pairs, and deciding who has the most.

In October, we will focus on our Zoo Phonic letters G, H, and I. In addition, our class theme will be Pumpkins. We will also introduce sorting/ classification using pumpkins. We will incorporate triangles in our art. Lastly, our moral teaching will be Kindness. We will read kindness books during group time, point out when children show kindness towards others, and brainstorm ways to be kind to others.

I am seeking help with laundry, making Play-Doh, and cutting out projects. If any parents are interested, please let the teacher know. ~Ms. Swati

Ms. Liz Preschool Class

The Fall is finally here! I want to extend our warmest welcome to Molly Mitchell, who joined us last month. We have all been anticipating the upcoming holiday season starting with this wonderful month of October. Our class is already excited and talking about how their families celebrate Halloween. Unfortunately, AGUMCC does not celebrate Halloween, but we still have plenty of fun and excitement celebrating the Autumn Season. We will have children bring in a small pumpkin that they can carry. We will be using them to measure and weigh. We will also do a counting activity using pumpkin seeds.

This month, we will also focus on pumpkin science, including the pumpkin's life cycle. We will even watch pumpkin seeds grow as a class, which we will then bring home and hopefully grow into plants. At the end of the month, we will explore our senses as we carve a pumpkin together.

We are so lucky to live in an agricultural community;

many of us have gardens at home. Another one of our themes for the month will be growing and eating healthy fruits and vegetables. We will introduce the different food groups and discuss what we enjoy eating. This is another way we can connect with families at home.

I would like to extend an extra special thank you to all our preschool families. I greatly enjoyed meeting with you during conferences to discuss your child's development. As their teacher, I find it easier to work with such caring families who are so invested in their children's education. Thank you, Ms. Liz

Ms. Cindy Bo and Ms. Sibyl's Toddlers

Welcome, fall! As we start a new season, we want to welcome back Cindy Bo and look forward to Sibyl's return from her injury that happened earlier in September. Cindy Bo would like to thank her primary group families for meeting for parent-teacher conferences. It is always so helpful for us to hear about how your child is growing and learning at home and to share with you the special ways we have seen them learn and grow at school. Of course, we also appreciate getting to know you better. Sibyl's primary families will meet later this month when she is feeling better and has recovered from her back and neck sprain from the first part of September. I will be covering for Sibyl during her absences.

In September, the toddlers enjoyed farm animals, washing babies, hunting for strawberries in the garden, going on an apple hunt in the classroom, and finding leaves in the backyard, and tasting apples. They all enjoyed play-doh, art, and hearing stories about apples and leaves. We also sang 'Way Up High in the Apple Tree' and 'Leaves, Leaves All Around.' We learned that if you cut an apple in half, you can find a star in the middle. The children enjoyed tasting red apples and green apples. The children said that they liked the green apples the best. Most of the children were eager to be measure to see how many apples long they were. Some of the children just wanted to watch.

We would love some assistance with a few classroom tasks. Please let me know if you would like to help regularly or occasionally. The help needed is laundry, playdough, toy or book repairs, etc.

In October, we will continue the farm theme and add pumpkins and gourds to our classroom environment for the children to explore and other fun fall activities. Stay warm and enjoy this special season with your family. Reminder: AGUMCC does not celebrate Halloween festivities. However, we will celebrate Harvest and the fall season.

Blessings always, Ms. Shirley

Can you donate to our Emergency Pantry ?

We Need: Individually Packaged: Pretzels,
*Cheeze its, *Fruit/Veggie Squeezes, *100% Fruit
Gummies, *Trail Mix, *1 case of wifes,