

# Children's Center Chronicle

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## Message from Ms. Maddy:

As we are in the season of celebrations, please complete your "Family Heritage and Celebration Information Sheet" by Nov. 8th and return it to your child's teacher. This project will help us learn more about your family and the traditions you may celebrate to build better home and school relationships. If your family has a tradition you want to share with your child's classmates, please tell your child's teacher or message them through the Child Pilot App. We hope everyone feels connected as we invite you to share more about your family.

Every year, our school and the Mission's Team of the First United Methodist Church has a **Community Service Project** called "PENNIES AND SPARE CHANGE FOR TURKEYS." This project brings awareness to others needs. The children made containers to take home to collect spare change. Please return the container by Friday, Nov 22nd. The money raised will be given to the "Five Cities Christian Women's Food Pantry." They, in turn, will buy turkeys for families in need this holiday season. We have raised over **\$ 5,000** since 2008. Our goal this year is to raise \$500. *Did you know that every \$1 donated equals \$10 at the food bank?* Please help us make a difference in our community by supporting this special project.



We are having a virtual "Yum-Raiser" selling *See's Candy for the Holidays*. This fundraiser will help us purchase supplies and materials for our program. Visit our storefront online from November 6 through November 30, 2024. Orders will be shipped directly to you or any place you want. Orders over \$65 are shipped for FREE. Otherwise, there is a small shipping fee. To shop, visit site <https://www.agumcc.org> or our Facebook page. You also can use this QR code. It will take you to the AGUMCC See's Candy Store.



## Bible Story Time

"Daniel and the Lions", from the Beginning Bible, Daniel 6:10-28.  
Wed. Nov. 6 and Thurs. Nov. 7 in the McMillen Room at 9:00 an,

### 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 the children practice daily.*

## Friends of the Children's Center CAMPAIGN.

Please, make a difference in a child's life with a "Year End Gift" or Monthly Pledge  
Your tax deductible contribution is safe and easy.

### Three ways to GIVE:

1. Visit: <https://www.agumcc.org> and use the GIVE NOW button.
2. Mail: AGUMCC 275 N Halcyon Rd. Arroyo Grand, CA 93420
3. Use this QR code with your smartphone camera. ↗



## Mark Your Calendar

Friday, Nov. 1 - Staff Development **SCHOOL IS CLOSED AT 3:30.**

It's SPIRIT DAY too! So wear your AGUMCC t-shirt!

Friday Nov. 1 & Saturday Nov. 2— Holiday Boutique from 9 am -1 pm.

Monday, Nov. 11 - **SCHOOL IS CLOSED** to observe Veterans Day.

Wednesday, Nov. 27 - " Is a **MINIMUM DAY** at SCHOOL. **WE CLOSE AT 12:00.**

Thursday & Friday, November 28 & 29 - **SCHOOL IS CLOSED** for Thanksgiving Break.



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!**

### Ms. Swati TK Class

Happy Fall Everyone! The children enjoyed the various fall art activities like painting an apple core, leaf rubbing art, fun pumpkin activities, and the culmination of the Pajama Day Party, which they were looking forward to all of October. Thank you to everyone for bringing in a pumpkin. We did a pumpkin investigation. The children measured how tall their pumpkins were using unit cubes. They counted the lines on their pumpkins and how big around their pumpkins were. In addition, we did a science experiment to see whether a pumpkin can float or sink. Moreover, we talked about the pumpkin life cycle and the parts of a pumpkin. We watched a video called "Dissect a Pumpkin" by Sci Show Kids and learned that a pumpkin is a fruit. Lastly, this month's focus was on Kindness. The TK class children showed various acts of kindness and received several Kindness Cards every time they showed an act of Kindness.

For November, we will continue our fall activities but move our focus from pumpkins to acorns. The sensory bin is now full of beautiful fall things like pumpkin gems, acorns, and leaves for sorting. We also have some hungry squirrels in the math area who need to be fed some acorns based on the number they have printed on their tummies. We also have alphabet acorns in the manipulatives area where the children match the uppercase letter with the lowercase letter. We will also spend our time talking about what we are thankful for as we get closer to Thanksgiving. We will hear the story of Daniel and how he was faithful to God, and God protected him as he faithfully prayed for protection in the lion's den. We hope you and your family have a safe and happy Thanksgiving and want you to know that we are very grateful for each one of the children and families in our class!

In love, light, and learning, Ms. Swati

### Ms. Liz's Preschoolers

November is here. The children have learned so much in the time they have been at school. They are practicing caring for their own needs, such as cleaning up after themselves after lunch and snacks. They are also very proud to show their bubble gloves (soap lather) to their peers and teachers while washing their hands. This month, we will work on various art projects, such as hand-printed turkey placemats and collage art. The children will continue to practice their cutting skills and learn to recognize numbers and letters. At group time, snack, and lunchtime, children are learning to spell their and other children's names as they pick up their jobs for the classroom job chart. Children are showing great interest in pump-



kins and leaves. They are excited to see lizards crawling on the ledge in the courtyard. Children pretend to be dinosaurs and make roaring sounds as they chase each other. They are using the brooms and rakes outside, and we are discussing the leaves changing and falling. They enjoy building and jumping around an obstacle course.

This month of Giving, we are discussing families with diverse cultures and learning to be thankful for the things God has blessed us with. I wish all the preschool families a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving this year. ~Ms. Liz

### Ms. Cindy Bo and Ms. Sibyl's Toddlers

It is the time of year when we acknowledge all that we have to be grateful for. As we welcome the month of November, we are grateful for the wonderful school family we have here at AGUMCC. We are thankful for each child, family, and staff member who is part of our little program. We have missed Ms. Sibyl these past few months and are especially thankful for her return to work, bringing her unique contributions back to our program.

In October, the children enjoyed exploring the pumpkins and gourds that filled the classroom. They were also very curious as they helped to pull the seeds and pulp out of two of our pumpkins to get them ready for carving. We carved a "happy" Jack-o-lantern and a "sad" Jack-o-lantern. They also created some elaborate block structures that they used to stage the farm animal play figures on and practiced farm animal sounds as we sang, "I went to visit a farm one day." The toddlers especially had fun dancing, hand in hand, in a circle, to the "Barnyard Boogie." They learned about farm work such as "bailing hay," "Milking cows," and "Chopping wood" as we talked about the lyrics to this song and had some pictures of these tasks to share with them. It was a busy and fun month.

This month we will spend time talking and sharing about our families and all we have to be thankful for. The children will have the opportunity to share their "Family Photo Boards" with their classmates. If you have not returned your child's board, this would be the perfect time. Please let us know if you need a new poster board to create your child's family photo collage on. Have a blessed month, stay warm, and enjoy this special season with your family.

~ Cindy Bo

