

# Children's Center Chronicle

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center [www.worshipweekly.com](http://www.worshipweekly.com) February 2025

## Message from Ms. Maddy



Friendship and Love are the foundations of building solid relationships. This month, we will share the importance of friendship and how to show friendship to one another. It is through acts of love that friendships are fostered. By our actions and words, we hope you see how the staff of AGUMCC demonstrates love for you, your child, and your family. We feel blessed that you have entrusted your greatest gift to us. We sincerely desire to foster a growing relationship to benefit your child during this precious learning and development time.

**March is Enrollment time** for our 2025-2026 session, which begins July 1, 2025. This is the time to think about next years enrollment and if you are wanting to expand your child care days and hours. Later this month you will find registration information be in your child's family folder. To secure your child's spot with AGUMCC, registration of and payment of \$150 per child is due by March 14th. See me for an additional "Registration Form" if you have a second child on our "Waiting List." You can also enroll him or her at this time. I will contact families on our "Waiting List" starting April 1, 2025.

**A Tuition Increase will take effect on July 1, 2025.** It will be an annual increase to provide a cost-of-living increase for our staff.

**It is always good to plan when looking for a quality program.** We pride ourselves on having an educated staff who love and are committed to working with children. We also work hard to create quality interactive environments in the classroom and outside by using evaluative and assessment tools: the Environmental Rating Scale, Desired Results, and Ages and Stages. **Thank you to our staff, families, church, and board members for all your time and dedication to making this a great program.**

## BIBLE STORY AND GOODIE BEAR TIME

In the Narthex Wed. Feb. 5 and Thurs. Feb 6 at 9:05 am



This month the story is "Jesus Loves the Little Children", from the Beginning Bible, Matthew 19:13-15. Our "Fruit of the Spirit" teaching is "Love".

Bible Verse: "As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34

## Dates to Remember

- **Friday, February 7-** Staff Development and School Spirit Day. Wear your school T-shirt to show your school spirit. School will be CLOSED at 3:30 pm on this day.
- **Monday, February 17-** PRESIDENT'S DAY. School will be closed.

**THANK YOU TO OUR FEBRUARY  
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Children's Center Sponsor"  
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Do you know someone who would like to be our next months

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Please contact Ms. Maddy 805-481-2223

### Ms. Swati Pre-K Class

In January, the TK class theme was Winter. Children enjoyed the block area and worked cooperatively to create a home for the arctic animals. Seeing them work together and use their imagination to get creative when building and using all the blocks available in the area has been amazing. They have been busy building train tracks and using a variety of creative ideas to build long tracks. We have also learned about animals that live in the Arctic and how they can survive in frigid weather as we watched videos about it. For art, children made their own unique Snowy Owls, which went along with our letter of the week, "O." They also made penguins by using black and orange paint and learned about the method of line of symmetry to create a them. Children learned that each snowflake is unique, just like them. We learned various fun facts about owls, penguins, and quail.

For February, we will dive into Spring Conferences. We will start practicing spelling and writing their first names. Children will have an opportunity to mail letters to friends and family from the dramatic area. Our bible story's focus will be "Love," and the story will be "Jesus Loves the Little Children" Matthew 19:13-15. Since it's the month of friendship and love, we will talk about our love and friendship towards others and Jesus' love toward all of us. In addition, we will focus on the heart shape and continue with our Zoo Phonics letters R, S, and T. We are excited to celebrate Valentine's/ Friendship Day in our own unique way, spreading love through kind acts and showering love to others. With all love and blessings ~ Ms. Swati



### Ms. Liz Preschool Class

Happy February! Can you believe January is over and gone? Last month, our preschool class enjoyed celebrating the winter and bringing in the New Year. We talked about winter and where it snowed in California. We also used the Arctic mammals and placed them on ice blocks. The children had a lot of fun! We also talked about what the weather felt like outside. We asked each student if it felt cold or hot.

This month, we celebrate Love and Friendship. We will talk in class about how we can show that same love and friendship for each other and our families. We will discuss what we can do to love and protect our environment. We will also explore how Valentine's Day is a day to celebrate love and friendship. We are working on recognizing letters in each child's name through several projects, such as stomping and clapping out the letters in individual names.

Last month, we learned about the colors black and white. During February, for art we will work on

various fun heart projects. This month, we will begin working with your children on springtime assessments, where we will document all their amazing skills. I want to start planning conferences to meet with families in March. I will contact you individually to make these arrangements. These can be done in person or via FaceTime. I would also like the children to share a toy that would be appropriate for our classroom but will only be used during group time and then put away for the rest of the day. If your child would like to share a toy, please bring them in on Tuesday or Thursday.

Thanks to all the families for their help and support. You are truly appreciated and loved.

~ Liz Delory

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

Welcome, Toddlers, to February 2025.

The children had so much fun in the classroom talking about wintertime in January. They showed great enthusiasm as they learned about snow, arctic animals, and making individual snowmen for art. We also introduced the class to the concept of cold and hot and helped them identify what kind of animals live in the snow. We taught them this by making homemade snow in the sensory tub so they could feel the texture and temperature of real snow. They also showed daily excitement in learning the concept of winter by having group time activities and verbalizing the name of the arctic animals while playing with them on blocks of ice in the water table for free choice playtime. Please don't be surprised if you hear them talking about whales, seals, and polar bears in the snow and the Arctic Ocean.

This month, your child would love you to join us in the McMillian Room at **9:00 am** on **February 12<sup>th</sup>** as we will have our **Friendship Celebration**. This is a special day where we can enjoy special friendship activities and share a breakfast together. Please find the 'Sign Up Sheet' for the celebration to join us and to bring something to share.

Also this month we will be learning about the shape of a heart, and our Fruit of Spirit, Love, Yay.....it's going to be great! Please remember that school is **closed** on February 17th for Presidents Day! Have a wonderful month. We look forward to seeing each of you everyday. ~ Ms. Sibyl

### WISH LIST

#### **THANK YOU LAUNDRY HELPERS!!**

We greatly appreciate the support we get from those who take home the laundry to be cleaned.

\* Gallon Jugs of Water, \*Bird Seed, & \*Bubbles