

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message from Ms. Maddy

Spring is coming, and it's time to renew our gardens. Children will be involved in this process by cultivating the ground, bringing plants to plant, and watching them grow. *The gardens are an essential part of our learning experience here at AGUMCC.* The children learn to care for and appreciate the wonders of life and the delicate balance of nature. The garden also provides science at its best, with the budding of foliage, the buzzing of insects, the blooming of flowers, and the harvesting of fruits and vegetables. New plants are always a great addition to our play yards. Please check with your child's teacher to determine when their class will have a special planting day. Also, make sure you bring only a non-toxic plant for your child to plant.

WORKDAY, Saturday, March 22nd. We will need help to add new woodchips to the backyard. There will be a sign-up for volunteers.

It's Enrollment time!! Current families will enroll from March 21 to April 1, 2025. Word of mouth is the best advertisement. Please share our program with your family and friends.

March is Parent-Teacher Conference time. Conferences provide an excellent opportunity for teachers and families to spend about 30 minutes together to share information about your child's growth and development since the fall. They are also a time to review goals and reflect on achievements. Conferences can be in person or via Zoom.

Parking Lot Safety: Please ENTER from Halcyon and EXIT to Bennett St. This will keep traffic flow safe for everyone arriving and departing from our parking lot. Also, please 5PMH drive slowly and be alert for small children and adults in the parking lot.

The Open House is coming Thursday, April 10th, from 6 to 7 p.m. Save the date to go and visit and see all the wonderful learning that happens in your child's classroom. Also, take the time to visit your child's next classroom.

Children's Center Sunday is coming: Sunday, April 27. See Ms. Maddy to get your bidding number. Bidding starts at Our Open House. Please bring your child and hear them sing at the 10:30 service during Children's Moment. Afterwards, they can go to Sunday School. Following the service, there will be an Art Show where you can bid on your child's one-of-a-kind classroom artwork.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE IMPORTANT UP COMING EVENTS

- **FAMILY CONFERENCE TIME***
- Friday, March 7- Staff Development and Spirit Day. Wear your school T-shirt to show your school spirit. There is no "Extended Care" on this Day. School Closes at 3:30 pm.
- Sunday, March 9. Daylight Saving Starts
- Saturday, March 22 - "WORK DAY" We will be getting new woodchips for the backyard. 9:00 - 12:00 noon.
- April Thurs. 10: Open House from 6 to 7 pm.
- Wednesday, April 16th,- This is a MINIMUM DAY. **School is closed at noon.**
- Thurs. & Fri., April 17 & 18 - School is closed for Holy Thursday and Good Friday.
- Sunday, April 20—Easter

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next month, Contact Ms., Maddy*

BIBLE STORY & GOODIE BEAR TIME

Wed. Mar. 5 and Thur. Mar. 6 at 9:00 am.

Bible Story from the Beginning Bible is: "The Good Samaritan", Luke 10:30-35,

Fruit of the Spirit teaching is "Gentleness".

Bible Verse: "Let your gentleness be known to all" (Phil. 4:5)

Song: "Be careful little hands"

At school, children are often reminded the importance of being gentle with things and each other.

TK Class

February was a fast month, but we accomplished quite a lot in a short amount of time. The children have been working hard to make special portfolios for you to see at our parent/teacher conferences. Some of the items they worked on were their cutting skills, alphabet knowledge, writing their names, and number concepts. We discussed what recycling means and what things we put into recycling. Also, we talked about what kinds of foods are considered healthy.

In addition, we celebrated love and friendship. We talked about friendship and how we can be good friends. The children made various Valentine's crafts, including a special one to give to their families. Children came up with great ideas, and I wrote them down on a big heart template. Moreover, the children had an amazing time at our Friendship Party. For instance, they enjoyed moving to various Valentine's movement songs, games, and various yummy foods. Thank you to all the parents for all your support and time. It's greatly appreciated!

In March, we will do our Zoo Phonics lessons on the letters Uu, Vv, and Ww, continue working on patterns, and introduce some rhyming word activities. Keep bringing in your pictures of the letters we are learning for our Share Book! Plus, spring is coming soon. We look forward to spending more time outside and learning about the life cycle of plants and butterflies. We will do fun art projects and silly games to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.



I look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress, the next steps in their development, and getting them ready for kindergarten. Keep an eye out for conference sign-up sheets during drop-off and pick-up, as well as through Child Pilot. ~ Ms. Swati

Preschool's Class

We had a great month of February, celebrating our Friendship Party, exchanging little Valentines, and learning about friendship and love. The class had fun making a variety of fun heart projects. We talked about Martin Luther King and the Chinese New Year. I really appreciate the parents' support for the class Valentine's Party. In February, the children also learned to recognize the letters o, p, & q. They have started pointing to the letters on their name tags before snack and lunch. We also began sharing items from home during calendar time, and the children are so excited! Let's keep it going!

In March, we will learn and explore how seeds and plants grow since the children were interested in this in February. With these activities, the children learn patience by tending to the garden plants and watching them grow. Pulling weeds and planting seeds outside in the garden will help all the children develop a healthy sense of responsibility. This is also a great time for us to spend time together outside and the children can share what they have learned with you.

They will make greenhouses and plant seeds to hang in

the classroom window. They are learning to take turns using a timer and putting their names on a list. We will be learning about things around us that we need to be gentle with and opportunities when we have shown gentleness throughout the day. We will be doing some fun art activities for St. Patrick's Day. March concludes parent/teacher conferences. It was wonderful to meet or talk with everyone and have the opportunity to discuss your child's growth. Here, I have discussed the areas your child has mastered and the areas they are working on. I will also reach out to all of the parents in May for a quick check regarding any questions you have moving forward with AGUMC and who your child's teacher will be. I also want to thank Shirley for helping me in the Preschool class. I'm extremely thankful for her patience and willingness to assist me. ~ Love, Ms. Liz

Toddler's Class

Let me start by thanking all of you who were able to participate in our "Friendship Party" last month! The children expressed a lot of joy in having you share that time with them and their friends. Thanks again for your food contributions and help with cleaning up, too. I hope you had a good time, as well.

Have you had the opportunity to observe the special relationships the toddlers have developed with each other? We regularly notice and acknowledge the kind and friendly interactions we see demonstrated between them. We witnessed some very sweet interactions in February as they enjoyed dramatic play activities and explored play materials and equipment together. They especially had fun being "Doctors" and caring for their patients (Friends, teachers, and baby dolls). They also got a kick out of pretending to be dogs as we followed along with the song lyrics "I Wanna Be a Dog." It was so much fun! Of course, we had many hearts, red, pink, and purple, in the classroom, and lots of talk about hearts, "Love," and how much Jesus loves us, too.

We received our "Love Letters" a little later than usual this year, so if you haven't received one yet, you should soon receive your child's letter to his/her family. Please make sure your child is reminded of how the mail carrier was able to deliver it from school to home because it had their address and the stamp they placed on it.

The children have noticed various things in the environment lately, such as puddles following the rain, wind blowing their hair, caterpillars, and butterflies on the vines in the backyard. We will continue to foster their curiosity as they discover such exciting things through their explorations and as they play.

It is time for parent-teacher spring conferences. Please make sure to sign up for a conference date with your child's teacher. We always look forward to sharing and talking with you about your child's growth and development and what they are working on here at school. With great appreciation for you and your children, ~ Cindy Bo