

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message From Ms. Maddy

Thank you to all the families staying with us for the 2025-2026 to start our 20th year on Monday, July 7, 2025. **AGUMCC has openings!!** If you know someone who desires and needs quality child care, please tell them about us. Children who enroll now will be ensured a spot in the next session beginning in July.

Also, thank you to those who came and supported our **Open House, and Children's Center Sunday Singing, Art Show, and Silent Auction** in April. These wonderful events showcased the quality of childcare for the children and families the staff serves.

NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK IS MAY 5-9 2025.

Let's show our outstanding teachers how we appreciate their love, care, and dedication they have given your child by completing the attached THANK YOU NOTE(s). Please return your **THANK YOU(s) by Tues, May 6, 2025**, so I can make a special THANK YOU booklet for each staff member. Also, let me know if you want to help me with this project. I will have a collection box on the Check-In/Out counter for you to drop off your THANK YOU NOTE(s). If you need more copies of the attached THANK YOU, extras will be in the collection box.

Spring Family Survey is out! Please complete your Spring Survey online or return the attached survey to the envelope at the Check-In counter by Thursday, **May 15th**. The surveys provide information regarding what you, our families, think about our program and how we can improve it. I look forward to reviewing the survey feedback and sharing the information in the June newsletter.

Thank you to our May

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Order your T- shirt (\$15)
or sweatshirt (\$20) now.

Don't delay! Order by Friday, May 23, 2025

Children are going to Tie Dying their School Shirt
for a **Keepsake** of their time at AGUMCC.

Dates to remember

- May 5-9 Teacher Appreciation Week
- Sunday, May 11- Mother's Day!
- Monday, May 26- School is Closed for Memorial Day
- Thursday, June 26- Last Day of School. It's a Minimum Day school closes at Noon.
- Thursday, June 26—Promotion in The sanctuary at Noon.
- Friday, June 27- School is Closed for Staff Development.
- June 30 to July 4—School is Closed for Summer Break
- Friday, July 4—Independence Day
- Monday, July 7—First Day of School for 2025-2026 School



BIBLE STORY TIME

Children will hear the story of "Hannah's Prayer", from 1 Samuel 1 & 2, in the Beginning Bible. "Fruit of the Spirit" teaching is on "Patience". The Bible Verse is ...Be Patient bearing with one another in love. Ephesians 4:2

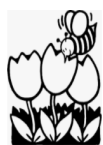
Ms. Swati's TK Class

We officially finished the alphabet and the children are thrilled that we have completed this big task. The children have done a fantastic job coming up with words that begin with our letter of the week and counting the syllables as we clap out the word. The children loved learning about X-rays and examining a few X-ray pictures of ocean animals on the light table. April was the month to honor various artists. We have been discussing various famous artists, such as Kandinsky and Claude Monet, and examining the paintings they created through books and videos. Children worked on a collaborative art piece, the Waterlily Pond, inspired by Claude Monet. We have been working on various open-ended art-works, including fold-over and collage art. Thank you to all the families that attended our Open House and the Children's Center Sunday Art Show. It was great seeing your family at these two wonderful events. I know your child enjoyed showing you all their learning while they are at school. Thank you all for your support; it's greatly appreciated!

For May, we will focus on bugs/insects, and the classroom will be displayed with many bug activities. Our Bible story is Hannah's Prayer, about how she prayed and patiently waited for a baby. We will read books about patience and discuss how we need to be patient with ourselves and others. I will also introduce the concept of subtraction to the children and discuss an octagon's various sides and angles. We will work on site words as we sound out the word, spell it together, and write their names. It's so wonderful to see these children grow and blossom. ~ Ms. Swati

Ms. Liz and Ms. Yanina's Preschool Class

We can almost feel Spring vibes with sunshine and lots of seasonal blooms. I want to start with an extra special thank you to our families for supporting our Open House and The Children's Center Art Show. We had a wonderful time learning about Piet Mondrian and being inspired to make our own art as a class. We enjoyed visiting our preschool families and sharing our classroom home with you. It was also a great joy to see all of our families join Arroyo Grande United Methodist Church for our annual Art Show and Ice Cream Social. I also want to welcome our newest staff member, Yanina Mazza. She will join me in the preschool room on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday to finish the rest of this year!



In April, we learned about different artists and about different fruits and vegetables in our dramatic play area. They could sort the fruit and vegetables by color and purchase them with dollars and coins. We used visual aids like timers and name lists to help them be successful. The children continue to water our vegetables growing outside and express their excitement when they see growth. This was a great way to learn about the plant's life cycle.

In May, the weather change may start out overcast

and end warm, so please make sure your child has an extra change of clothes and layers for the day. We are working especially hard to put our jackets on all by ourselves, starting with turning the sleeves right side out. Practice with your child at home, and you will see how proud they are to do it all by themselves. Children have also shown a special interest in bugs, especially as our wall of flowers blooms and attracts caterpillars in the school's backyard. We will still be reviewing the life cycle of the butterfly. In May, we will take this interest and do fun art activities like bug painting, color sorting with bugs, etc. May is the month to acknowledge the love of all moms, grandmothers, and aunts. Children will work on a special art project to show their love for the wonderful ladies. I want to wish all the class moms, grandmas, and aunts... **A Very Blessed Mother's Day.** ~Ms. Liz



Ms. Sibyl and Mrs. Cindy Bo's Toddler Class

April flew by quickly with all the special events and activities that took place at AGUMCC and in the toddler room. We enjoyed having families visit their children's current and soon-to-be classrooms during Open House, had an Easter egg hunt, a wonderful Children's Center Sunday, an Art Show, and an Ice Cream Social. We were so happy to share these special events with those of you who were able to join us. The toddlers were also very busy planting and watering their wheat grass baskets so they could take them home with them for Easter. They also had fun singing songs and learning about Jesus being alive. "God's not dead. No! He is alive" was one of the songs we sang again and again. Of course, they also learned how to splatter paint as they worked on our cooperative Jackson Pollock art piece for the art show and auction.

Most of our toddlers are currently working on toilet learning, so they will be ready to transition to the preschool class in July. Those children already out of diapers encourage their friends as they model using the toilet for them. We will change these children while standing in the bathroom unless they have a BM and need to be changed on the diaper table. We are mindful not to push the children and try to make going to the bathroom a positive and fun experience for them. We let them pick out what colors they would like on the tiny lights in the bathroom, sing songs or count as they sit patiently on the toilet, and join them in their excitement when they are successful.

Please review our Toilet Learning Policy as a reminder of what to expect and how to support them in this process. You can also arrange a time to meet with us to discuss your child's individual needs if you would like.

Miss Sibyl and I will continue to be attentive to the interests of the children as we plan our classroom environment and curriculum. They have all become skilled at exploring independently and enjoy regular interactions with others. ~ Cindy Bo