

Children's Center Chronicle

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center

March 2009

Message from Maddy

The Family Fun Night was a great success! We had 60 people who attended the dinner and 30 participants who raced their boats. Check out the pictures at www.worshipweekly.com/090213.html. Thank you to the staff and parents who volunteered their time to help make the event fun for everyone.

This month's theme is "How Things Grow and Exploring Farm Life". Spring time is coming and it is time for renewing our gardens. Children will be very involved in this process as they cultivate the ground, bring plants to plant, care for them, and watch them grow. We have two areas in the courtyard that we will be reviving with new flowers. We will also be planting a new crop of vegetables in the backyard garden. The gardens are an important part of our learning experience here at AGUMCC. The children will learn to care for and appreciate the wonder 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, and the blossoming of flowers.

."Love and Logic" is back!!!! This five week course is for parents and caregivers. Love and Logic teaches positive guidance techniques that include offering choices, setting limits, and logical consequences. www.loveandlogic.com. Love and Logic will be in Criswell Hall. It will be open to all members of the community. This course will be every Tuesday in March from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Registration is \$50 per person or \$95.00 per couple. Childcare will be available for \$5.00 per child. The registration will include dinner and a handbook. The Love and Logic handbook has simple and practical ways to change lives by reducing stress and offering fun, while raising responsible children.

We are now registered, with Vons, to receive eScript \$\$\$\$!

Our school # is **500020780**. Please return your Vons Registration Form to the **folder** located on the Parent Information Board so you can start supporting the school with every purchase you make. If you have any questions or need a new VONS card, come to the Morning Social on March 12th. You can find out other merchants who participate in the script program at www.escrip.com.

Please Check Dates Below and Mark Your Calendar for Important Up Coming Event

- Every Tuesday, Starting March 3rd - **LOVE AND LOGIC PARENT AND CAREGIVER EDUCATION** Dinner at 6:00 is included and sessions will be from 6:30 -8:00. Registration is required. Childcare is available for \$5.00, each child, per session. RSVP 481-2223
- Thursday, March 12— **MORNING SOCIAL**
- Thursday, March 19— **PLANNING MEETING** for Children Center Sunday BBQ, 6:30 -7:30PM
- Saturday, March 21—**WORK DAY** 9:00—12:00
- Thursday and Friday March 26 & 27— **STAFF DEVELOPMENT** (Staff will attend the CAEYC conference in Sacramento) School closes at 12:00 noon on Thursday and is closed all day on Friday.
- Tuesday, April 7 - **OPEN HOUSE WITH SUMMER AND FALL ENROLLMENT**
- Sunday, April 19—**CHILDREN'S CENTER SUNDAY, BBQ & BOOK FAIR, 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM**

Theme for The Month: "How Things Grow and Exploring Farm Life"

We invite you to bring a plant to be planted in one of our gardens. Any non-toxic flower or vegetable you would like to bring will be a great addition to our play yards. Please bring your plant by Friday March 13.

Fruit of the Spirit Focus for the Month: **Gentleness**

The children are often reminded of the importance of being gentle with things and each other here at school. We will have a special focus on gentleness as we care for plants and talk about farm animals this month. We are encouraged in the book of Philippians to "Let your gentleness be known to all men" (Phil. 4:5)

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



We are looking for volunteers who would like to help the week of Monday April 13- Sunday April 19. Please contact Gen Yamada at 431-4521 to volunteer and earn \$10.00 in free books.

Ms. Katelynn and Ms. Maddy's Pre-K Class

Thank you to all the families who helped to make February a very special month. The children enjoyed meeting all of the community helpers. The Rain Gutter Regatta was really fun too! This month we will begin to explore the magic of spring time by discovering how plants grow. The letters we will be learning about are "S", "T", "U", and "V". Also, we will spend more time finding shapes in our environments, extending patterns, and using standard units of length. At the end of March the teachers will be attending the CAEYC conference in Sacramento to learn new and exciting ways to better educate the children of AGUMCC! Thanks again! *Ms. Katelynn*

Ms. Nichole and Mr. Paul's Preschool Class

The children had a great time, last month, visiting with the different community helpers. The children were able to mail home letters, squirt a fire hose, and look inside a new police car. We also talked about how to take care of our teeth. The children had the opportunity to paint with toothbrushes and floss. Special Thanks to all the parents that helped make our Friendship Day party a success. In March we will continue to look at numbers and patterns. We will be adding new plants to our garden and will be looking at how different plants grow. The children will also be learning about different animals we see on a farm and how they live. *Ms. Nichol*

Cindy Bo and Ms. Tierra's Toddlers

The toddlers were so excited and enthusiastic about meeting the special visitors who came to share about the special part they play in serving our community. What a thrill it was for them to be able to climb up in the big fire truck and to spray the powerful fire hose into a field! Thank you to all our families who were able to join us for our Friendship Breakfast. We really enjoyed that time with you! This month we will be exploring farm life. In addition to learning a few new things about farm animals, our toddlers will be able to show off their knowledge of the animal sounds that many of them are so proud to know. In keeping with the theme, we'll also be planting seeds which will transition nicely with our April celebration of Easter and new life. - *Cindy Bo*

Ms. Lori's Young Toddlers

We had a wonderful time, last month, with all of the community helpers. Thanks to the parents and local agencies, who donated their time and resources, from all of us in Room 2. It is the first month of spring, a time of renewal and re-birth, so you can look forward to Love and Logic classes, every Tuesday night, which can bring this about in your parenting skills. The theme this month is "How Things Grow and Exploring Farm Life". The children will start working on the garden in March. Any parents, who want to help, please let me know. Last month was so busy we didn't get the chance to start the egg hatching. We are optimistic, this month, it will all come together and we will have baby chicks for spring. *Ms. Lori*

REMINDER: It is required to give a 30 day notice to change your child's monthly schedule. If you need to pick up a "Change of Schedule" or have any question, see Maddy *Changing your schedule without written notice can result in a \$25.00 Fee.*

APRIL is Summer and Fall enrollment month.