

Children's Center Chronicle

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center

October

Message from Ms. Maddy

Parent participation is key to the success of our school! This month we are having our annual "Family and Friends Fun Day". This day will include a Trike-A-Thon, a BBQ and old fashioned carnival games. Please ask your child's teacher what activity your class has planned for the carnival and see how **YOU** can help. There are many ways you and your child can take part in this big event. You can sell BBQ tickets, buy tickets to play games at the carnival, and/or participate in and get pledges for the Trike-A-Thon. If you collect \$25 in Trike-A-Thon pledges, you get 10 free tickets toward the carnival games. If you collect \$100 in pledges you get a free play pass to the carnival and one BBQ meal ticket. We also need lots of volunteers to help with the class game booths. *This is a GREAT opportunity to meet other families, to build a strong community of friendship and to engage in the networking of our program.*

Please give a warm welcome to our newest staff member, Ms. Rebecca Slocum! Ms. Rebecca will be working in the Pre-K classroom this year with Ms. Nichole. She is a graduate of Cuesta College, with her Associate Degree in Early Childhood, and has eight years of experience working with preschoolers. She is passionate about teaching and believes childhood is a unique and valuable stage in life. She is committed to supporting the development of all children, respecting individual differences, and to helping children learn, live, play, and work cooperatively. She also understands the importance of a successful preschool environment for children entering kindergarten. Ms. Rebecca has experience with the program used by our Pre-K called "Zoo Phonics". "Zoo Phonics" fosters visually, auditory, and kinesthetic learning opportunities that benefit the whole child. It has been proven by our past students to provide a wonderful foundation of phonic awareness of the alphabet and to support early reading skills.

It is Parent/Teacher conference time. Conferences provide a great opportunity to build relationships between teachers and families. They also provide an opportunity to share information about the children and to set goals for them to work toward in the months ahead. Please check with your child's Caregiver/Teacher to schedule your individual conference. The conference will be scheduled for approximately 30 minutes.

Don't Forget about your child's "Family Collage". Please return your 9 x 11 poster board that was provided at "Family Orientation" or during the first week of school. This activity sparks conversation, provides security, and creates interest in the classroom. Most importantly, it helps build the relationship between school and home. The collage may include photos of family members, pets, places your child has gone, or special events in your child's life.

Theme for The Month

"A Bountiful Harvest"



Fruit of The Spirit:

Patience

"Be patient with everyone"

1 Thessalonians 5:14

Don't forget to collect your PLEDGES for the Trike-A-Thon !
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Mark Your Calendar

The Month of October is Parent/Teacher Conference Month. Check with your child's Primary Caregiver/Teacher to schedule a meeting time.

Wednesday, October 2 - Staff Development - School closes at 3:30.

Saturday, October 10 - "Family and Friends Fun Day" - 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM.

Ms. Nichole and Ms. Rebecca's Pre-K Class

We had a great time, last month, exploring our apple collection. We used them for many different math activities including counting, sorting, and cooking. We look forward to practicing some of these skills again and working with weight and measurement with this month's collection of pumpkins. We had a great time meeting Cupcake, the pony, and the children enjoyed getting their turn to sit on her. Thank you to those who brought in their family photo collage boards. For anyone who still has theirs out, please bring them in when you can. If you do not have a board, please ask for one. We are still needing sign ups for our class booth at the "Fun Day". *This is a GREAT opportunity to meet other families in our program and build a strong community of friendship within our program. The Sign Up sheet is on the circle table just inside the door of the classroom.* Later in the month we'll be having individual family conferences. This provides both the families and the staff a wonderful opportunity to learn more about each other. The "Conference Signup Sheet" will be on the circle table just after the "Fun Day". *Thank you!*

- Ms Maddy

Ms. Anna and Mr. Paul's Preschool Class

We have had a great beginning to our school year. It has been wonderful getting to know the children in our new class. The preschool class has been working on letter sounds, the alphabet and washing babies. We looked at our reflections and created our image with paper, glue and string. October is our time for parent teacher conferences! Make sure to coordinate with your child's Primary Teacher/Caregiver for a convenient meeting time. This month is also the month to focus on harvest. Please bring pumpkins to share and decorate the classroom. We will use orange and black in our art activities to pick up on this month's theme colors. We look forward to having another great month of learning.

-Mr. Paul

Ms. Lori and Ms. Tierra's Toddler Class

Throughout September, the children and teachers in our class had so much fun learning about each other. We learned that, just as each apple is different and the same as others in many ways, each person, and

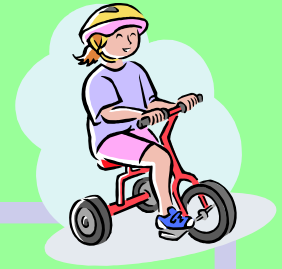
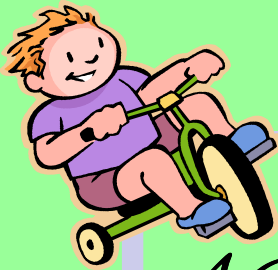
each family too, have differences and similarities. With the aid of our family collages and shoeboxes, we talked about how some families are very big and others are very small, how some children have a mom and a dad, while others just have a mom or a dad, and how some children have siblings, while others do not. As I am sure you can imagine, we have come to know the children very well this last month. We learned their strengths, the skills they have yet to develop, and the ones they need to work to strengthen. Now September has ended and October is here, bringing the fall along with it. It is a time for pumpkins and other fall vegetables and a time for the teachers to talk with parents at the conference. Be sure to talk to your child's Primary Caregiver/Teacher about scheduling one.

-Ms Tierra

Cindy Bo's Younger Toddler Class

I am enjoying my little group of two, Brooklyn and Charlotte, who started with me in Room 2 this past month. I am having so much fun getting to know them and observing the special relationship developing between them. These two "new toddlers" have adjusted so well and will soon be modeling routines for the three toddlers we will soon be welcoming to our Younger Toddler Class "family". It is so wonderful to see how secure and confident they are and it is a perfect reminder of the assurance we can have that those who may need a little more time adjusting, will reach this point as well. Both of the girls were a little uneasy about meeting "Cupcake", the pony, on Pony Picture Day. Though both of them were eventually willing to pet Cupcake's soft nose and stand close to her, with me by their side, for a group shot, only one was finally secure enough to sit on top for an individual photo. Thank you for your help and support during our first month of school in creating your family photo collages, making sure to supply your child's cubby with needed items and all! This month I would like to invite you to bring an item that represents "A Bountiful Harvest" (A pumpkin, gourd, vegetable from your garden, etc.) that we can explore as a group and in our classroom environment. I am also asking that you please check your calendar to see if you might be able to help out with our class booth on Family Fun Day. Thanks! Warmth and well-being to all!

-Cindy Bo



AGUMCC FAMILY FUN DAY AND TRIKE -A- THON

Saturday, October 10, 2009

11:00 AM — 1:30 PM

AGUMCC PARKING LOT

275 North Halcyon Rd.

Arroyo Grande



11:00-11:30 Trike-a-Thon

*11:30AM-1:30PM Old Fashion Carnival Games,
Bounce House, Face Painting and Food.*

11:30AM-1:30PM Hamburger & Hot Dog BBQ

ADVANCE TICKETS ON SALE NOW.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 481-2223.

SEE YOU THERE!!

