

Children's Center Chronicle

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center www.worshipweekly.com

Message from Ms. Maddy: Our focus for the month is "Being Thankful and Sharing With Others", hence this is the month of our *"Giving Celebration"*. Our celebration will be held on Wednesday, November 25th, in Criswell Hall, at 12:00. We invite all our families to join us for the celebration from 12:00-1:00. Remember to sign your child out at 12:00 because school will close at that time. Each family is encouraged to sign up and bring something to give to the celebration. Instead of individual lunches on this day, we will sit together, eat a wonderful meal, and share in the "Spirit of Giving". In order for this event to be a success, we will need several volunteers. Sign ups to volunteer for "Kitchen Help", "Set Up", and "Clean Up" will be posted at the Sign-In Table.

This is also the time of year for our **Fall Parent Survey**. Please complete the attached survey and return it as soon as possible. It is important for us to receive your input. The information you provide will let us know more about you and your child's experience at school. Your suggestions will provide information helpful to us in our efforts to continually improve our program. It is our ambition to offer a quality program for our children, families, and staff.

The Staff extends a warm **"Thank you"** to all those who participated in the "Family and Friends Fun Day" and we hope that everyone had a wonderful time. Thanks to the many preschool family and church member volunteers, the event was a huge success! . We were able to raise \$1,900 for needed school supplies. Check out our web sight at www.worshipweekly.com, the "Children Center" link, to see some awesome pictures of the days activities.

We are selling *See's Candy*. The money raised by this fundraiser will assist in sending teachers to the annual "California Association for the Education of Young Children" (CAEYC) conference. If you are interested in purchasing, or know of others who would like to order See's Candy, contact any member of our staff. Orders and money are due by Friday, December 4.

Looking forward to December, it will be time for our **Scholastic Book Fair**. We will need several volunteers who can help the week of December 14-18. Volunteers will receive \$10.00 worth of free books. Please contact Gretta Robbins if you can help, by calling 474-9036 or emailing her at grettarobbins@hotmail.com.

Theme for The Month
"Being Thankful and Sharing With Others"



Fruit of The Spirit:
Faithfulness

Each day we reflect on God, expressing our thankfulness, as we say a simple prayer, "Thank you God for our food, and our friends, and our families. Amen." This is an act of **faithfulness** that we and the children

Mark Your Calendar

Friday, November 6 - School Closes at 3:30 for Staff Development

Wednesday, November 11 — Veterans Days

Wednesday, November 25 - "Giving Celebration" Sign up to bring an item for the celebration meal. **The school will celebrate and eat the "Giving Soup" together at 12:00 in Creswell Hall. School is closed at 12:00** so please remember to sign your child out before the celebration meal.

November 26-27 — School is closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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

October was filled with many exciting harvest activities, including leaf raking and learning about pumpkins (Measuring, weighing, and ordering them smallest to largest). We explored letters of the alphabet, focusing on the letters 'D' through 'F'. We also worked on early writing skills. This month we will be working with the letters 'G' through 'I'. Our math focus will be on AABB patterns, one to one correspondents of the numbers 5-7, and recognition of small sets. The children will learn about the positional words, "top", "middle", "bottom", "first", "last", and "next to". We will also learn about the joy we can have in giving. On November 25, we will be having a "Giving Celebration", so please sign up to bring an item to give and to be used for the celebration. Happy Thanksgiving to all our families and remember that school will be closed November 26-27

-Ms. Rebecca

Ms. Anna and Mr. Paul's Preschool Class

Thank you to everyone who helped make the carnival a huge success! We had fun and hope your family did too! With the theme of "Harvest", Room 3 has been looking at similarities and differences such as bumpy/smooth, more/less, and big/little in pumpkins, gourds, seeds, and leaves. The children enjoyed our nature walk where they collected dirt, leaves, and sticks to make collages. We have also cooked corn, pumpkin pies, and planted seeds which have already begun sprouting. We will continue this theme of "Harvest Vegetables" and "Thankfulness" as we move in to November. We will continue practicing patterns, letter recognition, adding/subtracting with 5 items, and using our words to get needs met. It has been a month full of fun new discoveries and Mr. Paul and I are looking forward to the children's continued growth and progress. Happy Fall!

-Ms. Anna

Ms. Lori and Ms. Tierra's Toddler Class

October, in Room 1, we became skilled at routines, feeling safe and trusting one another. We are practicing following directions, and standing in line. We place our hands in our lap during story time by singing songs and using finger plays. The toddlers

also sang songs counting pumpkins. We sorted and measured pumpkins by height and circumference. Toddlers stamped pumpkins by cutting them open and discovered what was inside. Some of them found seeds, the pumpkin meat and even a sprout or two. On sunny days we also enjoyed ice painting pumpkins. Thanks again to all the families who volunteered for Family Fun Day. It was a great success because of all your dedication to the school and the children. Our Thanksgiving celebration is this month. We close at noon on the 25th for soup in Criswell Hall. Please look for the sign-up sheet. Each family will bring items to share, either to put in the soup or to use for eating the soup. It is always a delightful time for conversation with families during lunch, before we close for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

-Ms. Lori

Cindy Bo's Younger Toddler Class

Brooklyn and Charlotte have settled in to the routines of the younger toddler class. They have been so comfortable with our visitors who are preparing to join our group, as well as helpful with welcoming and showing Asher the ropes, as he joined us in mid October. They have become familiar with stories, songs, and materials and are learning to express their interests and needs using simple words. We explored pumpkins and gourds, a little, as they showed interest and learned a song/chant about "5 Little Pumpkins" who "roll out of sight" at the end. I get such joy out of observing all that they have learned and how much fun they are having at school and with each other. We have so much to be thankful for! I am thankful for the blessing of working with such precious children and the privilege of getting to know their families. I want to thank our families and especially Mike Klopfer (Charlottes dad) for the help and support we received for the "Family and Friends Fun Day". It was a great day! With a heart of thankfulness, Happy Thanksgiving to all!

-Cindy Bo

A GREAT WAY TO HELP OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY SIMPLY BY SAVING YOUR PENNIES.

Last year we collected "pennies" in each classroom that helped buy turkeys to support the ministry of the "Five Cities Christian Women's Emergency Food Pantry". This year we would like to help out again. **SAVE YOUR PENNIES** and look for collection containers in your child's classroom.

