

# Children's Center Chronicle

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## Message from Ms. Maddy

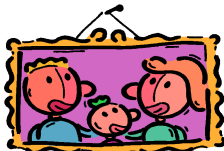
Our annual **Parent Orientation Meeting** will be Tuesday night, August 2, at 7:00 P.M. We will start in Criswell Hall, to go over updated information regarding the AGUMCC Program. Afterwards, the parents will follow the staff to their child's classroom to hear the highlights and an outline of what to look forward to this next school year. This is a night you don't want to miss. Sorry, there will be no childcare available.

The last three days of school, August 1, 2, & 3 we will be having "Wet and Wild Days". Please send your child with sandals, a bathing suit, sunscreen, and a beach towel to enjoy the fun. Also, to celebrate the end of summer, we will have our **Summer Pot Luck/ Picnic on Wednesday, August 3 at 12:00 PM**. Bring a dish to share, a blanket to sit on and enjoy a meal with staff, family and friends. There will be a sign-up sheet, for what you will bring for the Pot Luck, on the Sign In/Out Table. **School is out at 12:00**. Before lunch, please be sure to sign your child out for the day. **Remember, once you have signed your child out, they are your responsibility**. After your child/children are done eating, please keep a watchful eye on them, as they may want to burn off extra energy before going home. **Don't forget, WE WILL BE CLOSED Thursday & Friday August 4 & 5** for "Staff Development" and to prepare for the start of the "Traditional Session" and for Summer Break **August 8-12**.

**We are looking forward to a great new school year**. Our traditional school year begins Monday, August 15, 2011. We would like to extend a warm welcome to the many families who have chosen our program for their child care needs. If you know someone who has a 3 year old, **we currently have openings in our Preschool class**. Word of mouth is our best advertisement. We appreciate the many families we have had the opportunity to serve in providing quality care for their young children. If you have any questions, please feel free to make an appointment with me, Ms. Maddy.

## Theme for The Month

"I Am Special"



Help us to get to know your family better by completing your child's family collage. This is a wonderful activity that bridges the relationship between school and home. Please let your teacher know if you have not received your collage poster.

## Parent Spring Survey 2011 Results

100% of the families felt that their child was well cared for and that their child was happy and enjoyed participating in the program. 67% of the families were very satisfied and 33% were satisfied.

## Important Dates to Remember

- **Tuesday, August 2** - Family Orientation Night, 7:00-8:00 P.M. Start in Criswell Hall.
- **Wednesday, August 3** - End of Summer Picnic/Pot Luck. **SCHOOL IS OUT AT 12:00 NOON.**
- **Thursday and Friday, August 4 & 5**- Staff Development. **SCHOOL IS CLOSED.**
- **Monday-Friday, August 8-12** - Summer Break. **SCHOOL IS CLOSED.**
- **Monday, August 15** - Traditional Fall Session begins.
- **Tuesday, August 25** -Planning Meeting for Family Fun Day, 6:30-7:30 P.M.
- **Friday, September 2** - Staff Development. School Spirit Day! Don't forget to wear green. **SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3:30.**
- **Monday, September 5** - Labor Day Holiday. **SCHOOL IS CLOSED.**
- **Thursday, September 8** - Back to School Night & Ice Cream Social @ 7:00 PM

**Ms. Rebecca's Pre-K Class**

Summer is coming to an end and exciting changes are beginning to happen. I would like to say "Goodbye" to the soon to be kindergarteners. I will miss seeing them every day. Many blessings to you and your families. Next, I would like to say "Welcome and Hello" to the new group of Pre-Kers. I look forward to a fun and exciting school year to come. There are many things we will be exploring and learning together as we begin our year with the focus theme of "I Am Special"

*-Miss Rebecca*

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THANK YOU FOR HELPING  
US ON OUR WORK DAY!!!  
Aaron Baker  
Natalia Ng  
Amber and Abby Wighton  
Kristel Kardashian  
Maddy and Kassi Quagliano  
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**Ms. Kristel's Preschool Class**

As fall approaches, August will be a chance for exploration, especially because we will be in our new room!!!! In August, my class and I will focus on the theme "All About Me". Getting to know each child and celebrating their unique family traditions and unique personalities. The children will learn about their peers and learn about me, Miss Kristel, as well. The month will focus on creative expressions of art that celebrate the perspective of what art is to the children. We will focus on activities that inspire language development, creative expression and fine/gross motor skill development. Introducing "Share Time" will also be a great way to provide the

children an opportunity to bring something into class that they want to share with their peers. Lastly, a great way to start our new school year together will be moving into our new room, with some new faces and new routines.

*-Ms. Kristel*

**Cindy Bo and Ms. Wasinii's Toddlers**

How time flies when you are having fun! (And when there are many changes) I had the chance to co-teach with some great partners these past couple months. Thank you to Ms. Kristel and Ms. Prue, for being so supportive and helpful! Ms. Wasinii is my new toddler co-teacher and I am appreciating all that she brings to our work relationship. The summer has been filled with exciting explorations and wonderful discoveries. Following our "Trip to the Zoo" and "Going Camping" we are now "Going to the Beach". With many new children joining our group, we will also move into our theme of "I Am Special" and carry that theme on through the month of September. In addition to welcoming Abby to our class last



month, Surrenity Stiles has made herself at home with us. It has been wonderful getting to know her as well as her family. Welcome Stiles family! Now, we look forward to the new little ones joining our toddler group for our traditional fall session. We will be welcoming Jace Dahlgren and Daisy Hugh in August and Borgan Hayes in October. Welcome to each of you and your families! Ms. Wasinii and I will be working to provide an experience for the children that will not only foster learning but create in them a love of school. We look forward to all the fun we will have together.

*-Cindy Bo*