

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message from Ms. Maddy

Parent participation is key to the success of our school! This month we are having our Fifth Annual "Family Fun Day". This day will include a Trike-A-Thon, TRI-TIP BBQ lunch, and carnival games. Ask your child's teacher what activity the class is providing at 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, get pledges for the Trike-A-Thon, bring your child with his/her trike to ride at the Trike-A-Thon, and/or buy carnival game tickets at the event. If you collect \$25 in Trike-A-Thon pledges, you will get **10 free tickets** toward the carnival games. If you collect \$100 in pledges you will get a "Carnival Wristband" and **all** the carnival games will be **FREE**. We need lots of volunteers to help with the many activities that are happening at this event. *This is a chance to meet other families and to build a strong community of friendship within our program.*

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 completed collage on the 9 x 11 poster board that was provided during the first week of school. This activity sparks conversation, creates interest in the classroom, and most importantly, 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.

Thank you to the families, friends, and staff that have been using the "eScrip program". Currently we have a total of 38 people supporting our program through "eScrip"; 22 school members and 16 church members. We earn \$\$\$, for our school, when you shop at any Vons Store, using your Vons card and Spencer's Fresh Market card, that is linked to our school number, **#500020780**. If you are not enrolled in the "eScrip" program, you can register your Vons card and start supporting the school with every purchase you make. To maximize your contributions through the "eScrip" program, you can find out more, and about other merchants that participate, at www.escrip.com. For more information regarding the "eScrip" program, contact me, Ms. Maddy. You can place your completed form, in the manila folder, on the "Parent Information Board". Thank you.



Do you have a computer? We recycle ink cartridges. Teachers earn \$3 from Office Max and \$2 from Staples for every used ink cartridge they bring in to recycle. They can turn in 10 cartridges a month, to each store, and earn "Cartridges for Cash" toward purchases for our school.



Theme for The Month "A Bountiful Harvest"



**Fruit of The Spirit:
Patience**
"Be patient with everyone"
1 Thessalonians 5:14

Mark Your Calendar

October is Parent/Teacher Conference Month.

Check with your child's Teacher to schedule a meeting time.

Saturday, October 20-"Family Fun Day" Trike-A-Thon starts at 11:00 and goes until 1:00.

TRI-TIP BBQ lunch and old fashioned carnival games
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM.

Don't forget to collect your PLEDGES for the Trike-A-Thon and sell your BBQ Tickets!

Pledge and BBQ Ticket Money is due

Friday, October 12.

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center is a non-profit organization. Monetary contributions are tax deductible.

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

I AM SPECIAL was the theme for September. We had a great time learning about all the unique similarities and differences amongst the children in our class. We talked about our senses, our neighborhood, and our families. The children drew pictures of their families and the pictures were so creative. We reviewed the letters 'A' and 'B'. The children are having a great time thinking of words that start with these two letters!!! We did lessons from "I Can Problem Solve" : It is always great to hear the amazing ways children think of to problem solve a situation. The children also got to take pictures with "Cupcake" the pony! They all loved learning about her, how much she weighs and the best ways to pet her. We enjoyed "Story time with Pastor David" which started up again in September. October will be "A Bountiful Harvest!" Pumpkins! Pumpkins! Pumpkins! What a fun month this will be. We will talk about "Patience" and learn about the Fall season! It sure will be fun to see you all at "Family Fun day"! Don't forget to bring your trikes for the trike-a-thon! Lastly, look for the sign up sheet for October Parent/Teacher conferences !

-Miss Kriste

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

This will be our fourth year to support the ministry of the *Five Cities Christian Women's Emergency Food Pantry* by **saving your "SPARE CHANGE"**. The money collected will be used to buy turkeys for needy families. *Look for collection containers in your child's classroom in November.*



Ms. Shirley's Preschool Class

In September we celebrated each child with the theme "I Am Special". We had fun exploring the similarities and differences and talking about family traditions. Each child is special in their own way. We also loved our apple collection. We used them to sort, measure, and weigh. In October we will practice some of these skills using pumpkins. "Cupcake" the pony came to visit. The children really enjoyed sitting on top of her for their individual photos. Our "Family Fun Day" is October 20. We still need sign-ups for our class booth. We hope to see you there as well and it will be a great opportunity to meet other school families. Also, in October, look for conference sign-ups. It will be a time for me to get to know you and your family and we can talk about how your precious children are doing. The "Fruit of the Spirit" for the month of October will be "Patience". Our theme this month is "A Bountiful Harvest". Our

colors (Orange and Yellow) and shapes (Triangles and Rectangles) will be used in matching and sorting activities. We will focus on the letters 'D','E','F' and the numbers '3' and '4' this month, as well. Reminder: Label, Label, Label I can't emphasize, enough, just how important it is to label everything your child brings to school. Please label all clothes, bedding, toys, hats, lunch boxes, etc. Use a permanent marker when labeling. In Gods Love, -Ms. Shirley

Ms. April and Ms. Wasinii's Toddlers

During the month of September we began to learn about how each child is different. Everybody has different hair, different eye colors, different skin color, different favorite ice cream flavors and different families (to name a few!) We also started working on an "All About Me" book for every individual child. We will continue to work on these books throughout October. For a page in this book, we are asking that every child bring in a picture of their family. We will then ask the children to describe their families, during circle time, to be used in the book. Wasinii and I will also introduce a "Question of the Week". You can find this question and the children's answers on the white board, right below the clock. Please make sure you look at this, sometime throughout the week! The children are learning about themselves and their peers with these questions and have fun answers! " Family Fun Day" will be coming up soon. We need volunteers to sign up to run our booth. We will be having a fishing game! Please help us by signing up or having others sign up to volunteer. We have a sign-up sheet, in front of the family information board, above the tadpole cage. During the month of October we will be celebrating "A Bountiful Harvest", with a Farmers Market in our dramatic play area. If you or your family go to one of the many different Farmer's Markets, we would love to see some pictures of different items your children have seen! We would also like to display these pictures in our dramatic play area!

-Ms April

Cindy Bo's Young Toddlers

With the theme of "I Am Special", we looked at some simple ways we were similar and different, talked about our bodies and our emotions. With the apples your child brought in, the children were able to enjoy a variety of "apple experiences" We looked at their similarities and differences, observed the "Star", when we sliced them open, tasted them, painted with them, and made applesauce (Yum!). I am hoping you will participate again, this month, by bringing in a pumpkin, to share with the group. We will be exploring their different sizes, shapes, colors, and textures as well as using them as part of our singing time, as we sing "Five Little Pumpkins". Thank you to all who have already signed-up to help make our "Family Fun Day" a success. It is a fun event and I hope all of you will be able to be there on the 20th! It is a joy to be a part of you and your child's lives!

-Cindy Bo

STORY TIME WITH PASTOR DAVID & GOODIE BEAR

Each month, Pastor David brings a "Fruit of the Spirit" message to the children. This month, his message will be about "Patience". Ms. Shirley will also bring "Goodie Bear" and we will learn a song about patience. Ask your child about this wonderful time, we will be sharing together, on **Wednesday and Thursday, October 24 and 25, at 9:30 AM, in the church narthex.**