

Children's Center Chronicle

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

Message from Maddy

Summer is here and our theme for the month of June is "Going To The Beach". Bring your hat, sunglasses, sun screen and a comfortable pair of shoes. (Keep in mind though, that flip flops can cause children to slip and fall during active play.) In the days and months ahead there will be many opportunities for water play, so please check your child's cubby and make sure an extra change of clothes is available. Chances are, if your child does not have a change of clothing, when needed, you will get a call to bring a new change of clothing for your child, at that time.

A special "THANK YOU!" to the Adams, Balzer, Chang, Cooper, Gebhardt, Hays, Houseman, King, Kroerker, Lawlor, Marshall, Mihaluser, Phillips, Stephens, Wighton, and Woodward families for providing the wonderful food and special items needed for the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, that was on Friday, May 8. The staff and I feel very blessed to have such thoughtful families in our program, who were willing to give of their time and talent to provide such a fun, enjoyable, and memorable event. Thanks again!

Parent Surveys have gone out. Please return your survey by **Wednesday, June 10**. The surveys provide us with information regarding what you, our families, think about our program and how we can improve it. I look forward to reviewing the surveys and sharing the information with you in the July newsletter.

Our "Promotion and Acknowledgement Program" is a wonderful, annual event and will be held on **Thursday, June 18 at 6:30 PM**. We will be acknowledging the children, for their many accomplishments, and celebrating their promotion to their next classroom and/or on to kindergarten. We will also be recognizing the outstanding volunteers that have supported our program over this past year. Following the ceremony, there will be a reception in Criswell Hall. Please look for the sign up sheet, to help bring refreshments and treats to share. Also, please bring a canned food item, to this event, to support our community service project for June. All food collected will be given to the "People's Kitchen" outreach, here at First United Methodist Church.

Summer is "Transition Time". Several new families will be joining our program in July. If you see a new face, take a moment and introduce yourself and welcome them to the AGUMCC family. Our "Week Of Welcome" will be June 22-26. The new and existing children will visit their new classrooms, during this week, to prepare for the new school year, that will start Monday, July 6. School will be closed for **Summer Break June 29 -July 3**. Please check the "Dates to Remember" below to note school closure dates, special events , etc.

June is our Bi-Annual Community Service Month

Each June, AGUMCC helps "People's Kitchen" feed the hungry. Please participate in this community service project by bringing a canned food item to the Promotional Program (donations are also welcome any time.) The food received will be given to those in need, through the First United Methodist Church outreach. If you have any questions, see Ms. Maddy

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday, June 5 - **STAFF DEVELOPMENT** School closes at 3:30
- Wednesday June 10 - **PARENT SURVEYS ARE DUE**
- Thursday, June 18 - **SCHOOL IS CLOSED AT 12:00 FOR THE END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION & POT LUCK LUNCH.** Please check with your child's teacher for details.
- Thursday, June 18 - **AGUMCC PROMOTION & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PROGRAM at 6:30 PM**, in the Church Sanctuary, with a reception following, in Criswell Hall.
- Friday, June 19 - **SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT**
- Monday, June 22 - Friday, June 26 - **"WEEK OF WELCOME"** for new and existing families. We will be open our normal business hours.
- Monday, June 29- Friday, July 3 - **SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR SUMMER BREAK.**
- Monday, July 6 — **2015-2016 SCHOOL SESSION BEGINS**

AGUMCC WISH LIST BOARD

If you see something on the Wish List Board (located In the entrance way, above the rocking chair) that you can help us with, please take the posted note off the board and return the wished for item, with the note, to the office.

Thanks!

A Few Current Items Include:

*Package of 'AA', 'D', 'C' and 9 Volt batteries

*Clorox's Clean up Wipes * Baby Wipes *Crib Sheets

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

May was such a wonderful month for the Pre-k children and now the end of the school year is upon us. The children have been working hard at learning their graduation songs and preparing graduation projects. We will really miss all the children who are moving on to new schools. Having the Promotion and Acknowledgement Program, to celebrate and reflect on our wonderful year together, is an amazing way to end the school year. We will be busy practicing for this special night, from 9:00-9:45am, June 15-18 and the Program will be on Thursday night, June 18, at 6:30pm. June 18 is also a minimum day and we will be having our end of the year potluck. Look for the sign-up list in the classroom, soon. School will be closed on Friday, June 19, for staff development. We will also be closed June 29-July 3. In June, we will begin our "Party Fun" theme. Ms. Rebecca and I are so proud of our Pre-k children, each and every one. We are very pleased with all their learning, growth and development. Thank you for all the wonderful memories.

~Ms. Tresha

Ms. Kassie and Ms. Shirley's Preschool Class

May has been such an exciting month. We focused on our theme, "Down at the Pond" and the animals that live at, on, and in the pond. We also had such fun pretending in the "Flower Shop". The children enjoyed all the playdough that was made by our family volunteers (Thank You). It was a blast making our Mother's Day pots and Ladybugs, too. June is here and that means that it is time to explore the ocean. We are looking forward to diving in to the depths of the sea. Also, I am welcoming all our families to help inside the classroom so, just let me, Ms. Kassie, know if you would like to come in. We are also having our Promotion and Acknowledgement Program on June 18 at 6:30pm. We are hoping to see everyone there. The children will be practicing their song, in the sanctuary, from 9:00-9:45am, June 15-18. There will be an "End Of The Year Potluck" on June 18. at noon. It's also a minimum day, that day. School will be closed June 19 for staff development. June 22-26 we will start the transition of our preschoolers into the Pre-K class ("Week of Welcome"). This year went by so fast. It was such a wonderful year. I enjoyed getting to know each and every one of your child's personalities and special skills. Thank you for allowing me to watch them grow and blossom as individuals.

~ Ms. Kassie

Ms. Claudia and Mrs. Swati's Toddlers

We are at our final stretch. May has gone by so quickly and we were very busy. Thank you to all the families that volunteered with laundry and playdough this month. I hope that you all had a great Mother's Day. The kids really enjoyed making pot holders and

watching their sunflowers grow from seedlings. In May we practiced our song for the Promotion and Acknowledgement Program and learned about ponds and the creatures that live near or on them. We asked questions like "What is a pond?" and "How is it different from a lake or ocean?" The kids enjoyed making Koi fish turtles, frogs, ponds and pond foam. Room 2 had so much fun learning about and naming our Leopard Spotted Gecko, as well as about other lizards. I would like to formally introduce "Lemon", our classroom's gecko. She is very pretty and the kids enjoy petting her during group. Thank you for signing up for conference. Swati and I enjoyed sharing your child's progress and art with you. In June we will be learning about the ocean and self- control. We will review shapes and colors, too. Just a reminder, we will have a minimum day on June 18 and our Promotion and Acknowledgement Program will be that night, at 6:30pm. School will be closed June 19 for staff development and our "Week of Welcome" will be June 22-26. Summer break will be June 29 - July 3. Thank you for being part of Room 2 and helping us be successful. It is such a Joy to be around the children and watching them blossom. They are all unique and special. I'm so happy to have been part of a small moment in their lives.

~Ms. Claudia

Cindy Bo's Young Toddlers

I appreciated having the chance to meet with my Young Toddler families, for parent teacher conferences last month. Thank you for taking the time to meet with me, to visit about all that your children have been doing at school, reflect on how much they have grown and developed, and share about what they will be working on, as they move on to their new class, in Room 2. It has been a joy to join with you in helping to foster their growth and development and is exciting to think about how much they will continue this process, as they move on. The Young Toddlers really enjoyed exploring and observing the life cycles of the butterfly and the frog, as well as learning about other creatures such as insects, turtles, lizards, fish, birds and beavers, as we spent time "Down at the Pond". We will now begin our theme of "Going to the Beach". I look forward to the many songs, stories and things we'll be exploring relating to sea life and fun at the beach. If you have any photos, shells, etc., from your own trips to the beach, please consider sharing them with our class. This will be a great start to our summer and end to a special school year together! The young Toddlers will be visiting their new class, during the fourth week of June, to help create a smooth transition for them the first of July (starting July 6). I hope that you, my Young Toddler families, can join me for a "Classroom Potluck" on Thursday, June 18 at noon. There is a sign up in the classroom. I truly appreciate the privilege I've had to be part of the lives of you and your children! Thank you!

~Cindy Bo

Congratulations!

We want to congratulate Theodore Woodward and his family (Dad, Ryan, mom Ann Marie and brother, Sullivan) on the birth of his new brother, **Felix William Woodward**, born April 17, weighing 8 lbs. and measuring 19.75"

Also, congratulations to Lane Kroeker and his family (Dad, Travis and mom, Amy) on the birth of his new brother, **Jase Liam Kroeker**, on May 15, weighing 8 lbs., and measuring 21.25"