

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message from Ms. Maddy:

The Spring 2016 Family Survey Results are in. 100% of families surveyed felt that their child was well cared for and that their child was happy and enjoyed participating in our program. 70% of families were "Very Satisfied" and 30% were "Satisfied". According to the survey, 90% of families chose our program for socialization, 90% also chose us for the age-appropriate curriculum and 85% chose us because of work, as well. A few comments provided by families included: "We couldn't be happier! Thoughtful, cheerful teachers, a variety of activities. Structure. We love it. Keep up the good work."; "We are very happy with this stellar school."; "I like how the week long vacation is now tacked on to July 4th. Maddy has been very accommodating to our scheduling needs."; "Thank you for all your hard work and dedication."; "We love the school."; "We have really enjoyed the AGUMCC program. You offer excellent preschool curriculum and flexibility in hours. We have enjoyed the friendly environment and appreciated all the work you do."; and "Highly recommend this program to others."

According to the survey, the most popular events families participated in, last year, were the Family Fun Day in October, our Holiday Program in December, and the Regatta Race event in February. Family involvement is key to our program's success. 60% of the families surveyed have helped with classroom activities such as making playdough, cooking, providing snack, or helping with laundry. 70% participated in Fundraising and Socials.

When asking families about Parent Teacher Conferences, we found out 95% attended their child's conference. 85% found the conference informative and learned how their child had growth and development. 75% of those who attended conference, said they discussed whether or not their child achieved his/her goals.

To read the complete survey see the attached copy.

Our "Back to School Night and Ice Cream Social" is coming up on Thursday August 18, 6:30-7:30 PM. Please bring your child to his/her classroom, before joining me in Criswell Hall, at 6:30. I will be giving an overview of what you can expect in the coming year and how you will be able to participate. I will share how you can get involved in our 9th Annual Family Fun Day, scheduled for Saturday, October 8, 11:00AM-1:30PM. This event helps provide funds to purchase supplies and materials for our classrooms. Family participation is key to

AGUMCC WDSH LOST BOARD

The Wish List Board is above the rocking chair, in the entry way. If you see something that you can help us with, take the posted note off the board and return the item, with the note, to the office.

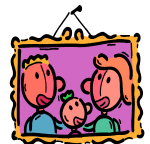
A Few Current Items Include:

- * Baby wipes
- * Clorox Wipes
- * An Outdoor Clock
- * Container of Cream of Tartar

THANK YOU for bringing your ink cartridges for the staff to recycle. Do you have a computer at work or home? Staff can earn \$1 for every used cartridge you bring in; up to \$20 per month. The money is used to buy various supplies for the office and classrooms. The container for the ink

"Family Photo Boards"

- 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.



Important Dates to Remember

- Friday, August 5 - Staff Development. School Spirit Day! Wear your AGUMCC T-Shirt. SCHOOL CLOSING AT 3:30 PM
- Thursday, August 18 - Back to School Night & Ice Cream Social, 6:30 PM
- Thursday, August 25 - Planning Meeting for Family Fun Day, 6:30 PM
- Friday, September 2 - Staff Development. School Spirit Day! Wear your AGUMCC T-Shirt. SCHOOL CLOSING AT 3:30 PM.
- Monday, September 5 - SCHOOL IS CLOSED for Labor Day.

Ms. Kassie and Ms. Rebecca's Pre-K Classes

We can't believe that July is over and it is August already! We have had an enjoyable time getting to know our class families and creating personal relationships with all the children. We have observed that the children have an interest in learning more about dinosaurs so, for the month of August, we will be exploring this topic. We will focus on the topic of "I Am Special", as well. Remember to bring your Family Page for our Family Book. The children really enjoy looking at this book, talking about their families and sharing their families with the other children. Finally, we will begin working with our Zoo Phonics letters this month. Alli Alligator, 'a', Bubba Bear, 'b', and Catina Cat, 'c'. If you have not received a Pre-K packet, please let us know and we will get you one as soon as possible. ~ Ms. Rebecca



Ms. Maddy and Ms. Tresha's Preschool Class

July was our first month as "Preschoolers". Many of the children are learning new ways to be independent and are becoming more successful with self-help skills. Thank you to our families, for bringing in your "Family Photo Boards." During second group, a child had the opportunity to share their board, with the class, before we placed it on the wall, in the library. The children have been interested in dinosaurs and construction. During choice time, many children played in the block area, using the construction vehicles, pretending to find dinosaurs. At group time, children learned about what an Archeologist Digging Sites was and how scientists have found dinosaur fossils. At the sensory table, children used paint brushes and wore goggles as they too looked for fossils. The children liked singing the "1 little, 2 little, 3 little dinosaurs" song, too. Outside, they pretended to look for dinosaurs. Their favorite dinosaur to look for was the Tyrannosaurus Rex. In August, we will continue to follow the children's interest and learn more about each individual child, while preparing for Family Conferences in September. Our social puppets, Tim and Lucy, will help the children learn how to express themselves respectfully, when they get upset by using three steps: Stop, Think, and Breathe, when solving a prob-



lem. Remember to check your "Family Folders" each day. Also, thank you for helping everyone to stay healthy by using the Germ Jelly at the Sign In/Out Area or washing hands in the classroom before your child starts his/her day of learning and exploring. ~ Ms.

Maddy



Ms. Shirley and Mrs. Swati's Toddlers

I would love to welcome all the children and families as part of our class and school. In July, Ms. Shirley and I had a wonderful time getting to know you, our new children and families. The children got to explore their surroundings and worked on learning our daily classroom routine. It has been a transition time and a new experience for many. There have been a lot of mixed emotions for children and families. Our primary focus has been learning about each other. In August, we will be learning about how "I am Special". We will compare and recognize each other's individualities and uniqueness. We will also be learning each other's names. We could really use some volunteers to help with making playdough and doing our class laundry. If you would like to volunteer, there is a sign-up sheet, located in our classroom, on the Family Information Board. Your help will be greatly appreciated! Please continue to check your child's cubby and your family folder. We look forward to getting to know you a bit more during "Back to School Night" and to seeing pictures of all our families, as the Family Collages are brought in.



~ Ms. Swati

Cindy Bo's Young Toddlers

We had a wonderful start to the new school year! During the month of July, I had the opportunity to

STORY TIME WITH PASTOR MARY & GOODIE BEAR WITH MS. SHIRLEY

Pastor Mary will read **Luke 19: 1-10** from the Beginning Bible. It's a story about **Zacchaeus**

Goodie Bear will share our moral teaching: **TRUSTWORTHY.**

This special time will be on Wednesday and Thursday, August 3rd and 4th, in the church