

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message from Ms. Maddy:

The Spring Family Survey Results for 2018 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. 94% of families were "Very Satisfied" and 6% were "Satisfied". According to the survey, the top reasons why families chose our program were: our age-appropriate curriculum, location and environments. A few comments provided by families included: "I have seen my child grow academically and emotionally being in this program. I couldn't be happier."; "It's very helpful that your open during the summer and that you offer a Pre-K program."; "We love how caring and nurturing everyone is."; "Very pleased with the program and the care all the staff provide." and "Best program ever!"

The most popular event that families participated in this past year was the Holiday Program, in December. Family involvement is key to our program's success. 85% of the families surveyed helped with classroom activities such as making playdough, cooking, providing snack, or doing laundry.

100% of the families that turned in the survey, participated in Parent/Teacher Conferences. They found the conferences to be informative and learned how their child was growing and developing. To read the complete survey, you will find it posted on our web site. It was also distributed in the family folders in July.

Our "Back to School Night/Family Orientation is coming up on Thursday August 9, 6:30-7:30 PM. This will be for adult family members only. The evening will begin in Criswell Hall, at 6:30, where I will give a brief overview of the program and how you play a vital part in helping us continue to provide a quality program. Then, at 7:00, you will go to your child's classroom to learn more about what you can expect from your child's school experience in the coming year. This is a good time to connect with your child's teacher, ask questions and orient yourself to your child's classroom.

We have a new staff member, Daphne Nogues. She has her certification in Montessori and 24 years experience teaching 3-5 year olds. She will be co-teaching with me in the Preschool Class. To learn more about Ms. Daphne, a Welcome Letter was placed in your family folder. I also put the letter on the information board above the Sign In/Out Area.

AGUMCC WISH LIST 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 post-it note off the board and return the item, with the note, to the office.

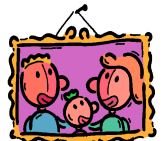
A FEW CURRENT ITEMS INCLUDE:

- * Baby Wipes * Clorox Wipes
- * Container of Cream of Tarter

Please 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. The money is used to buy various supplies for the office and classrooms. The container for the ink cartridges is located on the little table, to the left of the Sign-In/Out table.

"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. Please let your child's teacher know if you have not yet received your collage poster board.



Important Dates to Remember

- Friday, August 3- Staff Development. School Spirit Day! Wear your AGUMCC T-Shirt. **SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3:30 PM**
- Thursday, August 9 - Back to School Night/Family Orientation 6:30-7:30 PM. This will be for only adult family members .
- Thursday, August 23 - Planning Meeting for Fall Friday Take Out Tri-Tip Dinner Night
- Monday, September 3- SCHOOL IS CLOSED for Labor Day.
- Friday, September 7 - Staff Development. School Spirit Day! Wear your AGUMCC T-Shirt. **SCHOOL CLOSSES at 3:30 PM.**

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

It has been wonderful getting to know the children and the things they are interested in. We have observed that they are very interested in treasure and maps. So, we have started reading books about treasure and, as you have probably seen, have placed a large map of the United State of America on the wall in the classroom. We will be learning about what "treasure" is, different kinds of treasure and where treasure can be found. Map making will also be part of our emergent curriculum in the coming months.



~ Ms. Rebecca

Ms. Maddy and Ms. Daphne's Preschool Class

We are super excited to have each one of your children in our class this year. The preschool group will have many fun experiences to participate in that will enhance their learning through imagination and exploration. We look forward to getting to know each child and family members as we spend time together this year. Let us know if you have any questions; we will be happy to help everyone adjust to the new routines of preschool. From time to time our class needs help making playdough, doing laundry, or with a special project. The playdough receipt is easy to follow and can be a fun project for you and your little one. Also, your child feels special sharing their playdough with friends at school. Laundry is a once a month necessity. It is usually dress up clothes, stuffed animals, and pillows. Last month a letter went out from the AGUMCC Board, letting you know that Ms. Tresha will be leaving our program. Her last day with us is August 3. The Board has chosen a wonderful new teacher, Ms. Daphne. She comes to us with 24 years of experience teaching 3-5 year olds. We wish Ms. Tresha all the best in her new adventures.

~ Ms. Maddy

BIBLE STORY & GOODIE BEAR TIME

We will read **Luke 19: 1-10** from the Children's 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 1st and 2nd, 9:05 AM, in the

Ms. Shirley and Mrs. Swati's Toddlers

Wow! July has flown by with a bang! Thank you for your patience and support through our first month together. The children are starting to get into the flow of our classroom. In July we focused on how special and unique each child is. Rules and routines were also a big topic. In August we will continue learning about each other and how important family is. Your family boards have been helping a lot during this transition time. They get so excited about sharing their family boards and about who and what is important to them. As we looked at them together we've had a lot of discussions and conversations about trips children have taken. We will continue following the children's interest in sharing about the fun the children have with you, their families. If you have pictures to share of family trips or vacations, it would be so helpful in fostering your child's learning. The color of the month is Blue and the shape of the month is a Circle. Our moral teaching will be on Being Trustworthy. Conference time is coming up, so we have a chance to talk with you about your precious children and learn more about each other. There will be a conference sheet to sign up on. Ask your child's teacher about a time that works for you. This month will be very busy, as you can see, but we are here for you if you have any questions. Remember, your child is a precious gift from God, and we are so blessed to have them in our class. If you would like to volunteer to make playdough, or be a laundry helper, please sign up on our helper sheet in the classroom. In God's love, ~ Ms. Shirley

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 develop a special relationship and bond with Sadie, Juliette and Sophia, the three toddlers who started in our Young Toddler group in July. We are excited to welcome Olivia, Eli and Emerie to our group this month. The children have learned so much about our school routines already and are developing many of their self help skills as they are participating in these routines. They have shown a lot of interest in sensory materials and the cause and effect of their actions: squeezing a sponge, pouring grass seed into a funnel, etc. They have also enjoyed the monkeys hanging from the ceiling and having the monkey finger puppets "snapped" off their fingers by the alligator puppet as we sing "Three Little Monkeys Swinging in a Tree". I will continue to pay attention to the things that interest my group of toddlers and do my best to foster their natural desire to discover and learn through play. Once again, I am very thankful for the opportunity I have to spend time with your children and for the privilege of developing a relationship with you, their families. Hope to see you at "Back to School Night".

~ Cindy Bo