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AGUMCC Spring 2018 Survey Results

The Spring 2018 Survey results are in. 100% of the families surveyed felt that their child was well cared for and that their child was happy and enjoyed participating in our program. Overall, 94% of our families are "Very Satisfied" with our program and 6% were "Satisfied". According to the survey, the three top reasons families enrolling in our program were: our age appropriate curriculum, location, and environments.

Comments the families wrote were: "I have seen my kids grow academically and emotionally being in this program. They are always so excited to tell me about something at school. They both really like their teacher and classmates. I couldn't be happier with our experience at AGUMCC." "It's very helpful that you're 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." "Best program ever!" "I loved this year's classroom! I saw a drastic improvement in my child's socialization skills. I felt the teachers were a perfect fit." "We love it! We are starting to send our youngest son next month."

100% of the families that turned in the survey participated in Parent/Teacher Conferences. The families found the conferences to be informative and learned how their child was growing and developing.

Parent involvement is the key to our program's success. Through parent participation, we build a strong community. Our program offers a variety of activities for families such as socials, fundraising, and informational events. These activities provide opportunities for families to meet one another and build friendships. The most popular event families participated in this past year was the Holiday Program in December. Family involvement is key to our program's success. Other ways that families have helped out this past year were through fundraising. Family Day in October had the most participants with 58%. Of the families who completed the survey, 85 % participated as a Classroom Helper by making playdough, providing snacks, or helping with the laundry.

When asked how we could improve our program, the families gave us some suggestions: "More clear on how to sign up to be a Classroom Helper." This was good feedback. We will work on a written description of how families can participate in signing up as a classroom helper. Generally, Classroom Helpers sign up to make playdough, take home the monthly laundry, or provide items for a special project like cooking." "More outdoor activities." This suggestion needs more information for us to better understand the idea. The children spend an hour and a half outside each day before lunch. We considered outside to be an extension of their learning through exploring nature, cooperative games, art, books, blocks, and gross motor play. "Be open to not having children who no longer nap have to lay still during nap time." This is difficult because some of the staff are on their lunch break and there is not another place for non-nappers to go for the first hour of nap. For those children who rest quietly and allow other children to fall asleep, they can look at books, color, or do a quiet activity in the napping room until new staff return from their breaks to take them to a different room for active play. "It would be nice to get a report on what the children are doing in class." As a staff, we will work more on helping families navigate information of what the children are learning by using pictures and anecdotes that are posted in the classroom. Also, each month the staff write an article in the Children's Center Chronicle of what has happened in their individual classrooms. With larger groups notes home to the families are difficult. Face to face conversations work best. If you are not able to see your child's teacher write a note of what is the best way for you to receive information.

AGUMCC serves the community as a Christian ministry for the First United Methodist Church. We share our faith with the children by meeting each month in the narthex of the church. There we share a story from either the Old or New Testament from the Beginners Bible. These stories follow "the Fruit of the Spirit" or "Moral Teachings": Responsibility, Trustworthy, Respect, Kindness, Faithfulness, Peace, Joy, Love, Gentleness, Goodness, Patience, and Self-Control. These teachings are again supported by songs and activities led by the teachers throughout the month. Also each day we pray before our meals and appreciate all things that God has given us.

The Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center Board would like to thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. The findings are beneficial and very important in providing information that helps us to improve our program. We look forward to a fun and exciting new school year in nurturing the development of children and fostering new relationships of the families we serve.

Sincerely,

Maddy Quaglino, AGUMCC Director