

# Children's Center Chronicle

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## Message from Ms. Maddy

It's Autumn and time to get back into a routine, after a fun filled summer. We are looking forward to a great new school year. This year we have 36 children enrolled. Thank you to our school families who have shared with others, how happy they are with the quality of care and our low child to teacher ratio we offer. A satisfied family is our best advertisement.

*We currently have openings in our Pre-K and the Young Toddler Class.* If you know of someone in need of quality childcare, please tell them about our program and have them call to make an appointment for a tour. After they receive a tour, then they can join our program or put their child on our "Waiting List" for our next enrollment opportunity.

**September is Parent/Teacher Conference time.** Conferences provide a great opportunity for teachers and families to get to know each other better. They also provide an opportunity for you and your child's teacher to share information about your child and set goals to work towards in the months ahead. Please check with your child's teacher to schedule your individual conference. Conferences are scheduled for about 30 minutes. If you need to participate in "Early Bird" or "Extended Care", during conference time, there is **no charge**. However, please fill out an Extra Care Form, so we can make sure we have additional staff to cover, if needed.

*At the Fall Fundraiser meeting we come up with great ideas: A Fall BBQ, A Community Swap Meet, a combo of both, or Jamba Juice Cards, or sell advertisement space for our school calendar. Which one would you participate in please feel out the attached survey.*

**Ordering "Mabels Labels"** is a great way to help you keep track of your child's things (Jackets, lunch boxes, etc.) while supporting our AGUMCC fundraising campaign! Simply go to [www.campaigns.mabelslabels.com](http://www.campaigns.mabelslabels.com) and place an order to support the "AGUMCC" campaign. A small flyer, with more information, has been placed in your family folder, as a reminder of this great opportunity to support our school.

## Announcements

- **30 Day Notice Policy.** If you need to change your "Child Care Agreement", it is required to give a 30 day written notice.
- **At school, ONLY adults are to open gates and doors.** This is for the safety of all children.
- **Parking Lot Speed Limit is 5 MPH.** This, again, is for everyone's safety.
- **Be cell phone free** when dropping off or picking up your child. This is important so that you are available to greet your child's teacher and help your child transition to or from school.

★ **Monday, Sept. 2 - SCHOOL IS CLOSED for Labor Day** ★

★ **Friday, Sept. 6 - Staff Development and School Spirit Day.** Wear your school T-shirt, to show your school spirit.  
★ **SCHOOL WILL CLOSE at 3:30 PM.**

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

We are looking for a parent to help with book orders. See Maddy for more information.

## **BIBLE STORY & GOODIE BEAR TIME**



Ms. Maddy will read about when Moses gets God's Laws, from the Children's *Beginning Bible*, in **Exodus 20**. Goodie Bear and Ms. Shirley will share about our moral teaching on being "**Respectful**". This special time will be shared together on Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 5 and 6, in the church narthex, at 9:05 am.

### **Ms. Ashley and Ms. Rebecca's Pre-K Class**

Welcome to September!!! Ms. Ashley and I have been working on assessments of the children, during the month of August, to prepare for Parent-Teacher Conferences this month. We look forward to meeting with all of you. We would also like to let our families know that, if you were unable to attend "Back to School Night", we have placed our Pre-k information packet in your family file. Please feel free to ask us any questions you may have about the information you have received. Finally! Be on the lookout for Parent-Teacher Conference sign-ups this month. ~ Ms. Rebecca

### **Ms. Andrea and Ms. Maddy's Preschool Class**

Our school year's off to a great start and I'm so pleased to join Ms. Maddy and all your children in the Preschool Class! During the month of August, we had fun getting to know one other. We learned about our families, particularly how we're similar yet different and how each family and child brings a uniqueness to our classroom. We are also learning that mom and dad have actual names besides, "Mommy" and "Daddy". We are discussing shapes, with an emphasis on squares and how it has four equal sides. We are learning colors, with a focus on yellow, and counting from 1-10, using a number of different objects. The magnetic marbles and beads have been the favorite items to count. We are learning how to walk in class, raise a quiet hand during group, and how to speak to others, when having a problem, so we can move towards to a solution. Lastly, we have enjoyed a number of fascinating stories about objects from home during share time. We welcome everyone to bring an item from home to share, as long as it fits in our basket and is durable enough to pass around the room. Reminder: If you are running late, your child does not get counted for snack and might miss out. Also, some children don't care for our snack, so please pack an extra something, just in case. We are looking forward to another great month.

~ Ms. Andrea

### **Ms. Shirley and Ms. Swati's Toddlers**

In August we learned about ourselves, focusing on differences and similarities in hair, eye, and skin color. Children enjoyed looking in the mirror and talking about themselves. They also had fun using stamp pads, of different colors, to make their hand and foot prints. Many of the children have been practicing riding the trikes around the courtyard, learning to use the peddles and to go the direction of the arrows. Many have also been enjoying digging in the sandbox and engaging in water play. Several children are enjoying cooking pretend foods and having "picnics" in our dramatic play area. Our group has been very helpful taking care of our vegetable and flower gardens, by watering the plants when needed. They

have enjoyed picking and eating the red ripe strawberries, too. They are learning to wait patiently for the strawberries to turn red, observing the change in colors as they wait a few days longer. Our group has also been learning about farm animals and have been having fun practicing the different sounds that they make. We have been talking about some of the things that we do with our families and are enjoying learning about shapes and colors. The children are still getting used to the routines and their new classroom environment. It is a big step for some of the children and it takes time to adjust. They are learning to make new friends within their new peer group. Our "Back to School Night" was wonderful, thanks to all the families that were able to come! In September, we will be learning about different kinds of apples. We will be counting, sorting and tasting them. We are also getting ready for Fall Conferences so, keep an eye out for the sign-up sheet. Please feel free to talk to us, if you have any questions about conferences. Lastly, Shirley and I would highly appreciate your support in making playdough and/or being a laundry helper for our class. Thank you! ~ Ms. Swati

Congratulations to Logan Srimounechanh and his mom, Gillian and dad, Kameron, on the birth of his new baby sister!  
**Maya Jane Srimounechanh**  
was born on August 5, weighing 6lb. 3oz. and 18 inches long.



### **Cindy Bo's Young Toddlers**

Thank you to my two Young Toddler moms, who were able to attend our "Back To School Night". I really enjoyed that time with you! I really want to support all of my Young Toddler Families in whatever way I can. I would love to share a couple resources, that may be helpful to you, as parents and family members of young toddlers. "1,2,3, The Toddler Years" by Irene Van der Zande and "No Bad Kids" by Janet Lansbury, are both great books, that I would be happy to loan out. In September, we will continue to focus on getting to know each other better, helping each child develop their sense of belonging and significance as part of our group. I will continue to focus on providing predictability in your child's day and helping them to develop a sense of security, by establishing consistent and familiar routines and boundaries. Many of the children are already feeling safe and secure enough to test those boundaries. If you notice this at home too, know that this is a good and healthy thing. Just remember that consistency and follow-through are very important! This month, I will provide opportunities for the children to explore their similarities and differences, as they are showing more and more interest in each other. I will also introduce concepts associated with the exploration of apples. I will soon be sending home a little white "Apple Bag" for your child to bring an apple back to school in, for us to explore. We will explore their similarities and differences, discover the star in the middle, enjoy tasting them and make applesauce together. If you, or an adult family member, are able to help out in the classroom with this morning cooking project, please let me know. Also, if you are available to volunteer to help out in other ways, please add your name to the "Calling All Young Toddler Families" volunteer list, located on the clip board in the front of the Family Folders file box. Thanks! It will be a fun month for us all. Blessings always!

~ Cindy Bo