

Children's Center Chronicle

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center

June 2008

Message from Ms. Maddy

A special "Thank you!" to all our families for a wonderful "Staff Appreciation Luncheon", all the special attention to detail, as well as for the thoughtful gifts. We know that it was quite a task to put something together as creative as that was. The staff and I feel very blessed to have such wonderful families in our program.

Summer is a transition time for many children. Toddlers who are now three and who are using the toilet at school will form the Transitioning Toddler group to begin with Ms. Maddy this month (Ms. Maddy will be covering for Ms. Melissa while she is on a personal leave.). This group will have special time with the preschool class, explore new ideas and make new friends as they prepare for preschool in the fall. We will also be welcoming several new families to our program. If you see a new face, take a moment and introduce yourself and welcome them as part of our AGUMCC family.

Ms. Nichole is getting married!

June 7, 2008

She will be gone on her honeymoon and back to work on June 23, 2008. Mr. Paul will be working Wednesdays for Ms. Nichole in her absence.



FAMILY and FRIENDS FUN NIGHT

Come one; come all, Friday, June 6th at 6:00 PM. to the **Rain Gutter Regatta** and help raise funds for new rain gutters. It will be \$10.00 to enter the race. There will be three race classifications. Under 5 years, 5-18 years, and an "Open Class" for adults. It will be a wonderful and fun time for all ages. Come hungry! We will be serving Chili Cheese Dogs with fruit and a beverage for \$4.00.

Snack Reminder

AGUMCC will now be providing snack. You can still find out what will be served for snack by reviewing the menu on our Nutrition Board.

Theme for The Month

"Trips and Travel" will be our theme throughout the summer. The classes will be rotating themes from *Going to the Beach*, *Going to the Zoo*, and *Going Camping*. We hope you can share in the fun with your summer time vacation travel by bringing pictures and souvenirs from your travels.



School will be Closed
Friday July 4th
to celebrate
Independence
Day



Ms. Diana's Pre-K Class

Thank you to all the parents, for the wonderful gifts for teacher appreciation week. The lunch on Friday was the icing on the cake. As I count my blessings, working with such wonderful families is on the top of the list. We had so much fun at graduation and walking to Mc Donald's on the last day of school for lunch!! Thank you to all those parents who walked with us or met us there. It was fun to spend such a special day with the people we care so much about.

This summer our numbers will be lower so we will be able to do some more in depth study of animals and the world around us. We will be starting our summer camping! We will also be having a campfire, and enjoy a nature hike!

- Ms. Diana

Ms. Stephanie, Ms. Nichole,
and Mr. Paul's Preschool Class

Congratulations to Nichole on getting married this month. We wish you the best and await your return. Our teaching team feels blessed to have had the opportunity to work with your children. For those who will be leaving us for the summer, you will be missed. For those who are staying, we look forward to a fun filled summer and help those moving up do their best to get ready for Miss Diana's class. The butterflies that hatched in our class were released and the kids were able to set them free.

Our tadpoles are turning into frogs.

We are looking forward to having a beach theme for our summer session. We may have a beach clothing day for the children. We want to thank you for all of your support and wish you the happiest summer ever.

- Ms. Stephanie

Cindy Bo and Ms. Tierra's Toddlers

It has been wonderful to have had the chance to meet with our toddler families and share our observations of their child's growth and development over these past few months. We appreciate being able to work together, with you, to provide the best experience we can for them here at AGUMCC. Thank you, also, for the thoughtful ways you showed your appreciation for us during teacher appreciation week. It means so much! What a joy it was to be able to watch the whole life cycle of the butterflies. We had many toddlers who can now tell you what a chrysalis is. Children held them on their fingers just before releasing them into the air. Jacob is still asking "Where'd it go?" and then answers himself, "fly away!" We weren't so successful at caring for our ants and tadpoles, yet enjoyed checking in on them daily. As our summer theme involves travel, our first trip will be "Going to the Zoo". If you have pictures or stories to share about your families trip(s) to the zoo, we'd love to add them to our exploration of these diverse and exciting animals.

-Cindy Bo

Ms. Melissa's Transitioning Toddlers

We have planned a great adventure for the month of June. Please bring a beach towel, sunglasses, and hat to set the mood for our imaginary trip to the BEACH. At the beach we will fish, sort shells, make sand castles, and learn about the different animals that live in the ocean. Remember to put sunscreen on your child before coming to school to protect against the hot sun. Be careful when applying waterproof sunscreen to your child's face. It can be harmful if it gets into his/her eyes. I, Ms. Maddy, will be substituting for Ms. Melissa who is taking a personal leave. "We hope she gets better so she can come back and play with us", was a statement made by one of the children in her class. Meanwhile, if you would like to send her a card, bring it in and I will forward it to her home address.