

Children's Center Chronicle

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center

February 2009

Message from Maddy

February is "Friends at School and in our Community" month. We will have several special visitors throughout the month; the AG Fire Dept, AG Police Dept, SLO Ambulance Service, and our very own postal worker. Be on the lookout for notices of these special visitors. If your child does not regularly attend on the day of a visit, you and your child are welcome to come, during the scheduled visit time, to take part in these special events. If you would like to share your occupation with the children, please contact your teacher.

Family and Friends Fun Night / Rain Gutter Regatta is to be held on Friday, February 13. Do you have your boat? *You may purchase one for just \$5.00 a boat.* Did you buy your ticket for the dinner? *Tickets are \$5.00. for adults and \$3.00 for children.* The evening will start with dinner at 6:30 and the Regatta will begin at 7:00. Be on the lookout for sign ups that will help us estimate the number of people joining us for dinner, how many will be participating in the races, and who might be able to volunteer to help us that evening. We believe this will be a **FUN** evening for all who attend.

Mark your calendar; "Love and Logic" is back!!!! This five week course is for parents and caregivers. Love and Logic teaches positive guidance techniques that includes offering choices, setting limits, and logical consequences. www.loveandlogic.com. Love and Logic will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande, in Criswell Hall. It will be open to all members of the community. This course will be every Tuesday in March from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. The instructors of the course are Matt and Tracy Regusci. Their educational background is in Child Psychology and Organized Leadership. Registration is \$50 per person or \$95.00 per couple. Childcare will be available for \$5.00 per child. The registration will include dinner and a handbook. The Love and Logic handbook has simple and practical ways to change lives by reducing stress and offering fun, while raising responsible children.

Theme for The Month:

Friends at School and in Our Community

Fruit of the Spirit Focus for the Month: **Love**

Love is something that we can not touch but we know it is something we can see and feel. At school, each day we grow friendships with one another through our actions and our words.

"A friend loves at all times" Proverbs

17:17

Dates to remember

- Friday, Feb. 6 - **STAFF DEVELOPMENT** School will close at 3:30 for in-service
- Selected days in February - **FRIENDSHIP DAY** - Please check with your child's teacher for more details
- Friday, Feb 13 - **FAMILY AND FRIENDS FUN NIGHT / RAIN GUTTER REGATTA.** Dinner will be at 6:30 and the Regatta will begin at 7:00
- Monday, Feb 16 - **SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY**

Upcoming Event

- March 3- 31 (Every Tuesday in March) **LOVE AND LOGIC** - A positive guidance workshop for parents and caregivers. Dinner will be at 6:00 and sessions will be from 6:30 - 8:00. Registration is required.

Ms. Katelynn and Ms. Maddy's Pre-K Class



This month we are looking forward to the many visitors that we will be having and to learning about their important jobs in our community. If anyone would like to share their occupation with the class, let Ms Katelynn or I know so we can add it to our calendar of events. This is a great way to have parent participation in the classroom and it will be a lot of fun. One of our visitors will be a postal worker who will be picking up the mail from our classroom. For this visitor please provide a self-addressed stamped envelope so your child can send you a letter from school to home. Also, with this activity, we will be helping your child learn his/her address. We will be sending home a postcard that we will need to be returned so that we can create a graph of cities represented in our classroom. We nurture relationships through our actions and our words. It is good to remember "A friend loves at all times." Proverbs 17:17 This is also one of the songs we will be singing to celebrate friendship this month. Our class will celebrate "Friendship" on Thursday, February 12th by having a class luncheon. There will be a sign up to help with this special event which will make it both successful and fun. Parents are welcome to come and have lunch with the children on this very special day. Look for more details to follow. Our letters this month will be n - q and we will look at shapes that are found in road signs. We will be working on sets, quantities and writing numbers up to 7.

- Ms. Maddy

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

The 3 year olds loved learning about winter and the cold. They were able to play and learn about arctic animals and ice. They explored science as they learned how to build with ice and participated in melting activities. The class thoroughly enjoyed playing in the arctic sensory table. This month is Friendship Month. We now look forward to the warmer weather and our community helpers coming to visit. It is always a wonderful experience mailing letters and having a chance to visit with the postal workers. The children will be sending home letters to their "special someone". Please provide a self addressed stamped envelope so you can receive that special letter. We also look forward to our visits with the po-



lice officers and firefighters when they come to share their jobs with us and show us their vehicles and equipment. We will be having our Friendship Party on Friday February 13. Parents are welcome to come and have lunch with their child. Look for the sign up to help with the festivities. We look forward to another wonderful month of learning a play.

- Ms. Nichole and Mr. Paul

Cindy Bo and Ms. Tierra's Toddlers

The older toddler class enjoyed learning all about winter wonderlands last month. They enjoyed learning about all the polar and arctic animals. The class was very enthusiastic about snow and playing with melting ice. The children are looking forward to learning about all of our community helpers this month and can not wait to meet them. Please bring in a self addressed stamped envelope so the children can mail a special something to you during our visit from our local postal worker. We are very grateful to all those who are taking time out of their busy schedules to teach the children about the important people who help out in our community every day. We will also be having a Friendship Party this month. We will send out more information about this special day planned for Wednesday, February 11.



- Ms. Tierra

Ms. Lori's Young Toddlers

We had a wonderful January. We learned about winter and snow, cold and warm. We used warm water on those cold winter mornings to warm up our hands. We added soap to make bubbles, pretending it was snow, and included some arctic animals to the mix, creating the perfect environment to learn about polar animals. We also read stories about polar bears and finger painted snow. In the dramatic play area, we dressed up in gloves and warm knit caps. This month is all about community helpers. We will explore several jobs, including postal workers, firefighters, police officers and being a chef. Parents please save your junk mail and bring it in so the children may practice delivering the mail. Also, please bring in a self addressed stamped envelope so the children can mail a special something to you. We will also be having a Friendship Party this month. Look for details to come.



- Ms. Lori