

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message from Ms. Maddy

We are looking forward to a great new school year. Our traditional school year started Monday, August 16, 2010. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families. This season we have 46 children enrolled. Parent Orientation Night was an informative evening and well attended. If you still have questions, please feel free to make an appointment with either Ms. Maddy or your child's teacher.

"Welcome Night and Ice Cream Social" is on Thursday September 9th at 6:30 -7:30 PM. in Criswell Hall. The ice cream will be provided by the school and families are asked to bring a topping to share. If you would like to help with this event, please see the "Ice Cream Social Sign-Up" sheet on the sign in/out area. At this event, we will share how shopping at Vons, Spencer's Market, and Macys can help out our school through the *"Script"* program. Also, we will have information available on how you can get involved with the many school activities we have planned throughout the year. *Parent participation is the key to our school's success!!*



**Family Fun Day
Trike-A-Thon,
BBQ and Carnival**

"Family Fun Day" will be coming up October 16, with a Trike-A-Thon, BBQ and an Old Fashioned Carnival. **Please come to the planning meeting on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 6:30 PM.** Also, talk with your child's teacher/caregiver about the booth your child's class has planned for the carnival and see how you can help. There are many ways you and your child can take part in this BIG EVENT: sell BBQ tickets, buy tickets to play games at the carnival, get pledges and participate in the Trike-A-Thon. If you collect \$25 in pledges you get 10 free tickets towards the games at the carnival. If you collect \$100 in pledges your child get a **PLAY FREE BRACELET** for the carnival. The money raised from this event purchases materials for your child's classroom.

Theme for The Month "I Am Special"

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 teacher know if you have not received your collage poster.

Monday, Sept. 6
School is Closed

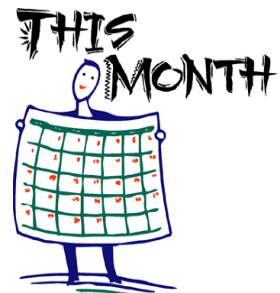
Thursday, Sept. 9th
Welcome Night and Ice Cream Social
@ 6:30 -7:30

Wed. Sept. 15th & Thurs. Sept. 16th
Pony Pictures @ 9:30-10:30

Thursday September 24
Family Fun Day planning meeting 6:30 PM

Thursday, Sept. 30
Scholastic book orders duel

Saturday, October 16
Family Fun Day Trike-A-Thon, BBQ and Carnival from 11:00 AM to 1:30PM



Fruit of The Spirit * Kindness *

"The LORD is righteous in everything He does; He is filled with kindness". Psalm 145:17



Ms. Lisa and Ms. Rebecca's Pre-K Class

Our school year is off to a great start!! We had a great time getting to know about each other as well as ourselves during the month of August. We explored how we are the same and how we are different and discussed how being different is what makes our world exciting. We also started meeting our zoo-phonics friends. Letters 'a', 'b' and 'c' were our letters for August and we will be moving on from there. Our theme for the month of September will be "Fall". We will be discussing the changes that occur in the environment during this time. We will also be learning about harvesting apples and other benefits of the season. Our letters for the month will be 'd', 'e', 'f' and 'g' so be on the lookout for your child to be using the zoo-phonics signals for these letters at home! We have already started sending home our "Guessing Can" and our "Book Bag". If you have not seen these items yet, they will be coming home with your child in the coming weeks. Also, share items that your child brings, it needs to begin with the letter of the week. For example, for letter 'e' your child may bring in an elephant, an eagle, etc. We are following the alphabet for now but if you are not sure of what letter we are on, you can check the lesson plan on the parent information board in our classroom or you can ask one of us. We are looking forward to a great month! Thanks,

-Ms. Lisa

Ms. Nichole, and Ms. Wasinii's Preschool Class

First, I would like to thank all families for being so warm and welcoming to me as I joined the AGUMCC team this past August! I am very glad to have found such an inspiring group of families, children and staff to work with. I am excited to begin this school year with Ms. Nichole in Room 3. Ms. Nichole and I are glad to see returning families and welcome those who are new to our program. In Room 3, this month, we will start to learn about ourselves with the theme of "We Are Special". It will help us focus on fostering social relationships and embracing the ways in which each child is unique and special. We will also touch on the importance of diversity and discuss similarities and dif-

ferences. Children will continue to practice name recognition and using language to communicate how they are feeling. We also will be doing some special projects revolving around apples. Be sure to watch for a brown bag for your child to bring in an apple for tasting and sharing.

-Ms. Wasinii

Cindy Bo and Ms. Tierra's Toddlers

We are excited about welcoming two new children and their families into our toddler classroom this month. Logan Johnson will be part of my group on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Corrina Rodgers will join Ms. Tierra's group on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Welcome! September will be a time for getting to know each other better, helping the children learn that each one of them is special and helping to develop their sense of belonging and significance as part of the group. For our new ones, as well as for those simply adjusting to a new classroom environment with more children and another teacher, we will work to provide predictability in their day and help them to develop a sense of security, by establishing consistent and familiar routines. Building a strong primary care relationship will also provide the sense of security they will need during this time of adjustment. We will also be exploring apples and will soon be sending home a little white "Apple Bag" for your child to bring in an apple to share. We look forward to getting to know you, our toddler families, better. Welcome and blessings to all!!

-Cindy Bo

NEW ARRIVALS CONGRATULATIONS !

Layla's brother, Jackson Robert McCall was born August 13, at 8lb 4oz and 19 1/2 " Congratulations, Layla and mom and dad. Monica and Brian McCall!

Calvin's brother, Oliver Henry Richards was born August 20 at 5lb. 11oz.