

Children's Center Chronicle

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center www.worshipweekly.com

Message from Ms. Maddy

Parent participation is key to the success of our school! This month we are having our annual "Family and Friends Fun Day". This day will include a Trike-A-Thon, a BBQ and old fashioned carnival games. Please ask your child's teacher what activity your 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. You can sell BBQ tickets, buy tickets to play games at the carnival, and/or participate in and get pledges for the Trike-A-Thon. If you collect \$25 in Trike-A-Thon pledges, you get 10 free tickets toward the carnival games. If you collect \$100 in pledges you get a FREE "Play Pass" to the carnival. We also need lots of volunteers to help with the class game booths. *This is a GREAT opportunity to meet other families, to build a strong community of friendship and to engage in the networking of our program.*

It is Parent/Teacher conference time. Conferences provide a great opportunity to build relationships between teachers and families. They also provide an opportunity to share information about the children and to set goals for them to work toward in the months ahead. Please check with your child's Caregiver/Teacher to schedule your individual conference. The conference will be scheduled for approximately 30 minutes.

Don't Forget about your child's "Family Collage". Please return your 9 x 11 poster board that was provided at "Family Orientation" or during the first week of school. This activity sparks conversation, provides security, and creates interest in the classroom. Most importantly, it helps build the relationship between school and home. The collage may include photos of family members, pets, places your child has gone, or special events in your child's life.

Thank you to the families, friends, and staff that have been using the "eScript program". Currently we have 20 school members and 10 church members using "eScript". We earn \$\$\$, for our school, when you shop at any Vons Store, using your Vons card and Spencer's Fresh Market card that is linked to our school. Our **school # is 500020780**. If you are not enrolled in the eScript program, we've attached an "eScript" form, for your convenience, so you can register your Vons or Spencer's card now and start supporting the school with every purchase you make. To maximize your contributions through the "eScript" program, you can find out more and about other merchants that also participate at www.escrip.com. For more information regarding the "eScript" program, contact Ms. Maddy. You can place your completed form in the manila folder on the "Parent Information Board". Thank you.

Do you have a computer? We recycle ink cartridges. Teachers earn \$3 from Office Max and \$2 from Staples for every used ink cartridge they bring in to recycle. They can turn in 10 cartridges a month, to each store, and earn "Cartridges for Cash" toward purchases at each store.

Theme for The Month "A Bountiful Harvest"



**Fruit of The Spirit:
Patience**
"Be patient with every-



Mark Your Calendar

October is Parent/Teacher Conference Month. Check with your child's Primary Caregiver/Teacher to schedule a meeting time.

Wednesday, October 1 - Staff Development & School Spirit Day. Wear your School T-Shirt. School closes at 3:30.

Saturday, October 16 - "Family and Friends Fun Day" - 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM.

**Don't forget to collect your PLEDGES
for the Trike-A-Thon !**

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

We had a great time, last month, sharing our apple collection, learning about Zoo Phonics and sharing our family photo collage boards. This month we will be sharing and creating a pumpkin collection. We will do many math activities with the pumpkins, ordering smallest to largest, measuring and weighing. We will also be concentrating on the Letters 'G', 'H' and 'I'. Family Fun Day is this month so don't miss it. Thank you to all who have already signed-up to make our Family and Friends Fun Day a success. Finally, later in the month, we will be having individual family conferences. This provides both the families and the staff a wonderful opportunity to learn more about each other. The "Conference Signup Sheet" will be on the circle table.

-Ms. Rebecca

Ms. Nichole and Ms. Wasinii's Preschool Class

Thank you to all the families who will be helping with the Family and Friends Fun Day. We hope everyone has a great time. We have had a great start to a new school year and we welcome Olivia Hall to Room 3. We are glad to have Olivia and her family at our school. The pre-school class has been working on basic colors and counting. In October we will be looking at different shapes, light and dark colors, sorting big to small, and letters in the children's names. The theme for October will be Harvest, so children can each bring in a pumpkin to share. The children will also be able to paint there pump-

kin. We look forward to having a great month of learning.

-Ms. Nichole

Cindy Bo and Ms.Tierra's Toddlers

Thank you to everyone who brought in an apple for their child to share with the class. The children greatly enjoyed all the new apple experiences we shared last month. They enjoyed exploring the apples, painting with them, and eating them. Don't forget to bring in your pumpkins this month. We will be exploring their different sizes, shapes, colors, and textures as well as using them to act out songs. Thank you to all who have already signed-up to make our Family and Friends Fun Day a success. We cannot wait to see you all there, later this month. I would also like to inform all families, of children in our class, that we have a student with a peanut allergy who is here on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If it is at all possible, we would appreciate it if you avoided sending foods that contain peanuts on these days. Thank you.

-Ms. Tierra

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- **A GREAT WAY TO HELP OTHERS IN** •
- **OUR COMMUNITY SIMPLY BY** •
- **SAVING YOUR PENNIES.** •
- Last year we collected "pennies" in  •
- each classroom that helped buy tur- •
- keys to support the ministry of the "Five •
- Cities Christian Women's Emergency Food •
- Pantry". This year we would like to help out •
- again. **SAVE YOUR PENNIES** and look for •
- collection containers in your child's classroom •
- in November. •
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Lost and Found Items

It's time to reduce the "Lost and Found Items" hanging up by the Sign In/Out area. Items that are not claimed by October 29th, will be donated to the Peoples Kitchen for their clothing drive. ***If you have clothes you want to donate please see Ms. Maddy. Jackets are especially needed this time of year.***