



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, Vision Screening from Dr. Hile, Pastor David, 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 child's teacher.

Rain Gutter Boat Regatta Event is coming soon. This FUN FILLED event will be held on Friday, February 25. Do you have your boat? It's not too late! You can still purchase a boat for just \$5. Check your family folders for information on helping to sell "Spaghetti Dinner" tickets for this BIG event. The tickets are \$5 per person. The event will start at 6:30 PM with dinner. Regatta event will begin at 7:00 PM. We need many hands to make this event fun for everyone. The success of every event, here at AGUMCC, is made possible by the support of all our wonderful volunteers. Also, watch for the Regatta Bracket weekly up-dates. *The staff would like to thank Kyla Huckerby, Cynthia Valenzula, Math Guerrero, Trevor Hardcastle, Deanna Rutledge, Greta Robbins, Margaret Kensinger, Mike Klopfer, Lori Gochenour, and Karl Slocum for giving of your time to make the Taco Bar Dinner a success. We raised \$465. for our "Staff Education Fund".*

The toddler room is getting new cabinets and a counter top to help with storage and improve the workspace for a very busy classroom. **Thank you to the First United Methodist Church Endowment Board and Home Depot for helping us with this project.** If you too would like to help with the cabinets, we are having a "Work Day" on Saturday, February 5, at 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. The cabinets are already put together and Home Depot will be delivering them this week. All we need is a little muscle to get them from outside the classroom to inside the classroom. There will be a sign up sheet for the "Work Day" located on the Sign In/Out table. If you have any questions, see Maddy.

THANK YOU to everyone who gave to "The Five Cities Christian Women's Group" . The Penny Drive for Turkeys raised \$96.01.

Special Thank You To:

Cynthia and Matt Guerrero, Christian's parents, for taking home the Laundry.
Cherisse Sweeney and Rene Troesh, Beau and Fiona's Mom and Grandma, for painting the children's bathroom into a garden of wonder.

Dates to Remember

- Friday, Feb. 4 - **STAFF DEVELOPMENT and School Spirit Day.** Wear your school T-shirt to show your school spirit. School will close at 3:30.
- Selected days in February - **"FRIENDSHIP DAY"** Please check with your child's teacher for details.
- Friday, February 25 - **RAIN GUTTER REGATTA** Dinner at 6:30 PM and Boat Regatta Races begin at 7:00 PM.
- Monday, Feb 21 - **SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY**

Fruit of the Spirit Focus for the Month:

Love

Love is something that we cannot touch but we express it and experience it in our interactions with God and others. At school, we are learning to grow friendships with one another through loving actions and words.

"A friend loves at all times" Proverbs 17:17

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

February is here and it is time for our many visitors from the community to come and share about their important jobs. IF anyone would like to share his or her occupation with the class, let Ms. Lisa or Ms. Rebecca 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. In addition, with this activity, we will be helping your child learn his/her address. We will be sending home a post card that we will need to have returned so that we can create a graph of cities represented in our classroom. This month is also our "Friendship Celebration" on Friday February 11, from 12:00 to 1:00, in the McMillan room. 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 details to follow. Our letters for this month will be 'R', 'S', and 'T' and our numbers will be 18, 19, and 20. We can't wait!



-Ms. Rebecca

Ms. Nichole and Ms. Wasinii's Preschool Class

This month we will be learning about "Community Helpers" and the jobs they do in our community. If you are interested in sharing information, with the class, about your career, please let us know. One of our visitors will be a postal worker, who will come by to pick up the letters from the children to be mailed. Please send a self-addressed stamped envelope so your child can mail a letter to home. Also, the children are very interested in story-telling and sharing personal items with their peers so, please feel free to let your child chose one appropriate item, to bring to school, for share time each day. In January, we learned a lot about snow and animals that live in the Arctic Regions. In February, we will continue to work on letters, tracing, and rainbow writing. Instead of celebrating Valentine's Day on the 14th, we will be



having a " Friendship Day" where Room 3 parents are invited to join our classroom for a Potluck Friendship Lunch on Thursday February 10 at 12:00 PM. Look for sign up in the classroom and a note to be sent home. It is almost Regatta time! Remember to sign up and attend the Rain Gutter Regatta for a family evening full of friends, food, and fun!

-Ms. Nichole

Cindy Bo and Ms. Tierra's Toddlers

In January, the toddlers learned about rain and snow. We talked about the difference between cold and hot, as well as wet and dry; this lead to the lesson that ice is frozen water that melts when it gets hot. The children also learned all about arctic animals and the world they live in. This month we will be learning about friendship, love, and "Community Help-



ers." This is always a very fun time of year for the children as we get to meet many "helpers" from our community, hear about the jobs they do, and see their vehicles and tools. It

can, however, be a frightening time for some of the younger children. Teachers and parents can help the children by talking with them about these scheduled visitors, before they get a chance to meet them, so that the children know what to expect. The toddlers will be given the opportunity to dress-up, as these special and meaningful people in our community, all month long and act out their jobs. We will also be reading stories and singing songs about these various community helpers and their jobs. Please bring in a self addressed stamped envelope so your child can mail a special something to you during our visit from our local postal worker. Instead of celebrating Valentine's Day on the 14th, we will be having a "Friendship Day Potluck Breakfast" where parents and children are invited to join us for a meal and crafts. Look for signups in the classroom and for more information about this special day, planned for Wednesday, February 9, in your parent folders.

- Ms. Tierra

