

# Children's Center Chronicle

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center [www.worshipweekly.com](http://www.worshipweekly.com)

**Message from Ms. Maddy:** Our focus for the month is "Being Thankful and Sharing With Others", hence this is the month of our **"Giving Celebration"**. Our celebration will be held on Wednesday, November 21, in Criswell Hall, at 12:00. We invite all our families to join us for the celebration from 12:00-1:00. Remember to sign your child out at 12:00 because school will close at that time. Each family is encouraged to sign up and bring something to give to the celebration. Instead of individual lunches on this day, we will sit together, eat a wonderful meal, and share in the "Spirit of Giving". In order for this event to be a success, **we need several volunteers**. We are in need of volunteers to help with "Set Up", "Clean Up", and "In the Kitchen". Look for the "Volunteer Sign Up" and "Items To Bring Sign Up" sheets on the Sign-In/Out Table.

This is also the time of year for our **Fall Parent Survey**. Please complete the attached survey and return it as soon as possible. It is important for us to receive your input. The information you provide will let us know more about you and your child's experience here at AGUMCC. Your suggestions will provide information helpful to us in our efforts to continually improve our program. It is our ambition to offer the best quality program for children, families, and staff possible.

The Staff extends a warm **"Thank you"** to all those who participated in the "Family and Friends Fun Day" and we hope that everyone had a wonderful time. Thanks to the many preschool families and church members who volunteered (See the attached "Thank You" page). **The event was a huge success!!!** . We were able to raise \$2,100 for needed school supplies. Check out our web site at [www.worshipweekly.com](http://www.worshipweekly.com), the "Children Center" link, to see some awesome pictures of the days activities.

We are selling **See's Candy for the Holidays**. The money raised by this fundraiser will assist teachers in attending the annual "California Association for the Education of Young Children" (CAEYC) conference, this coming year on March 14 & 15. There are order forms attached for you, if you would like to purchase "See's Candy" or know others who love this delicious treat and would like to support our staff by placing an order. *Orders and money are due by Wednesday, December 5, so we can get the candy by Friday, December 14, 2012.*

December is just around the corner and so is the **Scholastic Holiday Book Fair**. We will need several volunteers to help during the week of December 10-14. Volunteers will receive \$10 worth of free books. Look for the Sign Up sheet in December. Please contact Maddy to help with this event.

**Theme for The Month**  
**"Being Thankful and Sharing With Others"**



## CONGRATULATIONS!

Asher's sister, **Keeva Murrey Reynolds** was born on October 12 at 9lb. 4oz. and 21". Congratulations Asher, sister Ryley, mom Kelly and dad Josh!

## Mark Your Calendar

**Friday, Nov. 2** - Staff Development school is closed at 3:30. It's SPIRIT DAY too! Wear your school T-shirt.

**Monday, Nov. 12** - School Closed to observe Veterans Day.

**Saturday, Nov. 17**—Work Day from 9am to 2 pm We will be transferring woodchips from the parking lot to the backyard. Watch for a Sign up sheet.

**Wednesday, Nov. 21** - **"Giving Celebration"** Sign up to bring an item for the celebration meal. **School is closed at 12:00**. Remember to sign your child out before coming to the celebration meal in Criswell Hall.

**November 22-23** - School is Closed for Thanksgiving Break.

## Fruit of The Spirit: Faithfulness

*Each day we reflect on God, expressing our thankfulness, as we say a simple prayer, "Thank you God for our food, and our friends, and our families. Amen." This is an act of faithfulness that we and the chil-*

### Ms. Kristel and Ms. Rebecca's Pre-K Class

October was filled with many exciting harvest activities, including learning about pumpkins, corn and scarecrows. We would like to thank all the parents who volunteered their time to make our annual " Family Fun Day" a success. We would also like to take the opportunity to thank all of you who attended parent-teacher conferences. These meetings really helped us to touch base and provided us the opportunity to get to know you a little better. November promises to be full of fun as well. We will be focused on the letters 'H', 'I' and 'J' and on numbers 8, 9, and 10. We will also be talking about sharing and being thankful for all of the things in our lives. Don't forget, our "Giving Celebration" is this month. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving. -Ms. Rebecca

### Ms. Shirley's Preschool Class

October was a fun month! We enjoyed sharing pumpkins. We compared their size and color, and also used them to measure and sort. In November, our natural collection will be corn on the cob. Thank you to everyone who helped make Family Fun Day a huge success! We had fun and hope your family did too! With the theme of "Harvest", Room 3 has been looking at pumpkins, spiders, bats, leaves, and more. As we move into November, we will be changing to the theme of "Being Thankful and Sharing With Others". Our colors for the month will be brown and gold. Our letters for November will be 'G', 'H' and 'I'. We will focus on the oval and diamond shapes. Watch for the sign-up sheets for our "Giving Celebration", which will be happening before Thanksgiving. Each family will be asked to provide something for this event so that it can be an opportunity for sharing. Have a safe Thanksgiving holiday! -Ms. Shirley

### Ms. April and Ms. Wasinii's Toddlers

October was a fun month! We really enjoyed our harvest festival dramatic play area. The children loved loading the shopping cart up with fruits and vegetables and cruising the classroom. In our sensory tub we enjoyed cutting orange spaghetti and playing with cloud dough. At times, it became messy, but the children didn't seem to mind. As we move into November we will be changing to the theme "Being Thankful". Our dramatic play corner has been transformed into a lovely flower shop. We can't wait to see all the wonderful flower arrangements that the children create. Watch for sign-up sheet and information about our "Giving Celebration". Each family will be asked to provide something for this event. Lastly, a big thank

you to all the families for their help and support of "Family Fun Day"! Without you, the event would not have been a success. We wish you a safe Thanksgiving holiday!  
-Miss Wasinii

### **TIME WITH PASTOR DAVID**

Our "Time With Pastor David" and "Goodie Bear" (with Ms. Shirley) will be on Wednesday and Thursday, November 28 and 29, in the church narthex, at 9:30AM.

This month, they will share about the Fruit of the Spirit "Faithfulness".

### Cindy Bo's Young Toddlers

The Young Toddlers are becoming more and more familiar with our classroom routines. Those who have been in the group for a while are helping those newer to the group. I'm sure they will all help out our newest toddler, Brice, who will be joining our group this month. Welcome to Brice and the Montgomery family! Many of the children have grown in their interest in group experiences such as "Song and Story Time" and social interactions such as observing others and looking to join in. They are learning, better, how to express their interests and needs using simple words and some sign language too. I get such joy out of observing all that they are learning and how much fun they are having at school and with each other. In October we explored pumpkins and gourds, cutting open and discovering the insides of a pumpkin and helping to make pumpkin pie. Every one of the children gobbled up the sweet, warm, portion of pie they were served and then asked for more. I hope you had a chance to try some of your child's creation too. We also had fun learning a song/chant about "5 Little Pumpkins" who "roll out of sight" at the end. We have so much to be thankful for! I am thankful for the blessing of working with such precious children and the privilege of getting to know their families. I want to thank my families for the help and support offered with our "Family Fun Day"(I had 100% percent of my class family's support!). It was a great day! With a heart of thankfulness, Happy Thanksgiving to all!

-Cindy Bo

### **A GREAT WAY TO HELP OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY SIMPLY BY SAVING YOUR PENNIES.**

Once again, we will be collecting "pennies", in each classroom, to help buy turkeys for the "Five Cities Christian Women's Emergency Food Pantry". **SAVE YOUR PENNIES** and look for collection containers in your child's classroom.

