

# Children's Center Chronicle

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center [www.worshipweekly.com](http://www.worshipweekly.com) November 2013

**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 27, 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. A special "Thank You" page with a list of volunteers will be out next week. **The event was a huge success!!!** . We were able to raise \$1,800 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, April 3 - 5, 2014. 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 4 so we can get the candy by Friday, December 13.*

December is just around the corner and so is the **Scholastic Holiday Book Fair**. We will need several volunteers to help with the Book Fair during the week of Dec. 9-12. Volunteers will receive \$10 worth of free books. Look for the Sign Up sheet in December. Please contact Maddy if you are able to help with this event.

## Theme for The Month

**"Being Thankful and Sharing With Others"**



## 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 children practice daily.*

## Mark Your Calendar

**Friday, Nov. 1 - Staff Development**  
**SCHOOL IS CLOSED AT 3:30.** It's SPIRIT DAY too! Wear your school T-shirt.

**Monday, Nov. 11 - SCHOOL IS CLOSED** for Veterans Day.

**Wednesday, Nov. 27 - "Giving Celebration"** Sign up to bring an item for the celebration meal.  
**SCHOOL IS CLOSED AT 12:00.** Remember to sign your child out, then come to the celebration meal, in Criswell Hall.

**Thursday & Friday, November 28 & 29 -**  
**SCHOOL IS CLOSED** for Thanksgiving Break.

**Ms. Rebecca and Ms. Tresha's Pre-K Class**

October was a very exciting month for Pre-k. All the children had a great time exploring the grocery store in dramatic play. We learned about healthy foods and how to make a healthy plate to eat. The children had been so excited for "Family Fun Day" it's all they wanted to talk about. We, the teachers, would like to thank all the families who signed up for conference. We enjoy this one-on-one time with your family and find it to be a valuable experience. In November our theme will be "Being Thankful and Sharing With Others". The event for this month will be our annual "Giving Celebration" This is always a great time to be had by all, with great food, and conversation. The focus letters for this month will be, 'J', 'K', and 'L' and the numbers we will focus on will be 10, 11, and 12. Remember, you can always look in your Pre-k information pack to find out what we will be working on for each month.

-Ms. Rebecca

**TIME WITH PASTOR DAVID**

Our "Time With Pastor David" and "Goodie Bear" (with Ms. Shirley) will be on Wednesday and Thursday, November 20 and 21, in the church narthex, at 9:30AM. This month, they will share about the Fruit of the Spirit "Faithfulness".

**Ms. Kassie and Ms. Shirley's Preschool Class**

October was a fun month. We enjoyed sharing the pumpkins that were brought in. In November our natural collection will be harvest vegetables. Thank you to everyone who helped make "Family Fun Day" a huge success. We all 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 to November, we will begin our theme of "Being Thankful and Sharing With Others." Our focus color of the month will be "Brown", we will focus on the shape "Oval" and our letters, for November, will be 'J', 'K', and 'L'. Watch for sign-up sheets and information for our "Giving Celebration", which will be happening the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Each family will be asked to provide something for this event, that way it can be an opportunity for sharing. Have a safe Thanksgiving holiday!

-Ms. Shirley

**Ms. April and Ms. Maddy's Toddlers**

October was a busy month for the toddlers. In the classroom, we collected pumpkins, which we then measured,

weighed, compared and cooked into pumpkin pie! It was so delicious! Thank you to everyone who brought in pumpkins! Thank you for all of our parent/family participants that helped to make our "Family Fun Day" booth so successful! We enjoyed spending time with the families and the children outside of the classroom! Thank you to everyone who has signed up to make play-dough for the month. It has been a big help to the teachers! We hope you are having fun making it at home! In November, we will be following the theme "Being Thankful and Sharing With Others." In the toddler room, we have been practicing sharing tools/toys and learning how to trade items. We will continue to practice sharing and trading items to ensure that everyone has a turn. We will also be practicing using our kind words with each other. Our share collection will focus on fall harvest vegetables. Look out for a sign-up sheet for the "Giving Celebration" (Nov. 27) which will be posted in the main hallway! School will be closing at noon that day. Everyone will be welcome to join the giving celebration, even if they are not scheduled for the day. -Ms. April

**Cindy Bo's Young Toddlers**

The Young Toddlers are becoming more and more familiar with our classroom routines and have grown in their interest in social interactions. They get so excited to see each other and often look for ways to join in play with others. 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. 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 you, their families. I want to thank my families for participating in parent teacher conferences (I appreciate that time with you!) and for the help and support offered on "Family Fun Day". Thanks, Eddie Escabedo, for all your help with set up and Arica Marshall, for manning the booth and tearing it all down, with my husband Randy, at the end! 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.

