

Children's Center Chronicle

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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 26, 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. The information you provide will let us know more about you and your child's experience here at AGUMCC. Your suggestions will help 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 \$2,142 for needed school supplies. Check out our web site at www.worshipweekly.com, the "Children's Center" link, to see some awesome pictures of the days activities.

We are selling *See's Candy for the Holidays*. This fundraiser will assist teachers in attending the annual "California Association for the Education of Young Children" (CAEYC) conference, on March 5 and 6, 2015. There are order forms attached, 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 3 so we can get the candy by Friday, December 12.*

Are you getting updates from me via email? Please let me know if you are not. I don't want you to miss out on important information regarding things happening here at school.

Theme for The Month

"Being Thankful and Sharing With Others"



Mark Your Calendar

Friday, Nov. 7 - Staff Development
SCHOOL IS CLOSED AT 3:30. It's SPIRIT DAY too! Wear your school T-shirt.

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

Wednesday, Nov. 26 - "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 27 & 28 - **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 children practice daily.

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 farm, in dramatic play. We also learned about healthy foods and how to make a healthy plate of food to eat. The children were so excited about "Family Fun Day", it's all they wanted to talk about. We, the teachers, would like to thank all the families who helped with this fun day and to express our gratitude for the donated pumpkins. We would also like to thank all those who signed up for parent-teacher conferences. 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 big event, 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 'I', 'J', and 'K' and the numbers we will focus on will be 9, 10 and 11. Finally, we would like to thank everyone who has been helping with laundry and making playdough for the classroom, it really helps the teachers! ~Ms. Rebecca

Ms. April (Ms. Maddy) and Ms. Claudia's Toddlers

Thank you to everyone who brought in pumpkins to the classroom! The children have all enjoyed exploring, weighing, and even feeling the inside of the pumpkins! Thank you to everyone who helped with our classroom booth at the Family Fun Day! We couldn't have succeeded without you! We hope you all enjoyed all of the different booths and activities! Thank you to everyone who has been helping with laundry and making play dough for the classroom, please make sure to keep signing up; it really helps the teachers! In November we will be following the theme "Being Thankful and Sharing with Others." We will continue to practice sharing materials and space. The children will also practice using their words to let others know when they are using something or simply need some space. Be on the lookout for the sign-up sheet for our "Giving Celebration" coming up on November 26th. School will be closing at noon that day for the celebration. *Ms. Maddy will be substituting for me while I'm on maternity leave. I look forward to returning, mean time I will enjoy being a new mom with my son,* Trenton. ~Ms April

TIME WITH PASTOR DAVID & GOODIE BEAR

Pastor David is going to read Daniel 6:10-28, "Daniel and the Lions", from the Beginning Bible. Goodie Bear and Ms. Shirley will share our "Fruit of the Spirit" teaching: **Faithfulness**. This wonderful time will be **Wed. & Thur., Nov. 5 & 6, at 9:15 AM,** in the church narthex.

Cindy Bo's Young Toddlers

Austin Roberston and Sophia Shakhmin will be joining our Young Toddler group, this month. A great big "Welcome!" to both of them and their families! 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 each other in play. 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 spent a lot of time exploring pumpkins. The Young Toddlers discovered the insides of a pumpkin, after I cut it open, helped scoop out the pulp, cook the pumpkin, mash it and helped to make pumpkin pie with it. Every one of the children gobbled up their sweet, warm, portion of pie 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, With a heart of thankfulness, Happy Thanksgiving to all! ~Cindy Bo

Ms. Kassie and Ms. Shirley's Preschool Class

October was a very fun month. With the theme "Harvest", Room 3 explored pumpkins, spiders, bats, leaves and more. Thank you to everyone who helped make "Family Fun Day" a huge success. We all had fun and hope your family did too. As we move in to November, we will begin our theme of "Being Thankful and Sharing With Others." Our focus color of the month will be "Brown", our shape focus will be "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, in order to provide an opportunity for sharing. Have a safe Thanksgiving Holiday! ~Ms. Shirley

Congratulations to Ms. April and her husband Ryan, on the birth of their son, Trenton Parker Luis, on October 21 and he was 6lb. 1 oz.

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 Food Pantry". **SAVE YOUR PENNIES** and look for collection containers in your child's classroom.