

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message from Maddy

Spring is here and it is "The Month of the Young Child". Our school will host our annual "Open House", Thursday, April 9 at 6:30 PM. This is a community event, invite your families and friends. This is a time for the staff to share the importance of play, exploration, and learning, that occurs, each day, at our center. In addition, you will have an opportunity to see the many learning activities and areas of interest both in and outside the classroom.

The deadline for our current families to re-enroll, for the next "Year Round" session, is **Tuesday, April 7**. Families on our "Waiting List" can enroll starting April 15. "Open Registration" will start on May 1. The Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center opened its doors in September 2005, with 3 children. We currently have 50 children enrolled. Toddlers account for most of our new enrollment, as our current toddlers transition into the preschool room. There are several spaces left, to enroll new families in our preschool, as well. After the preschool children transition into the Pre-K class, there may only be one or two openings for new Pre-K families. Our Pre-K program follows the Pre-K Guidelines, set by the Department of Education, which is designed to help children successfully enter Kindergarten. **It is always good to plan ahead when looking for a quality program.** We pride ourselves on having an educated staff that have a love for and commitment to young children. Also, we work hard on creating an environment that stands for quality, by following the standards set by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. **Thank you to the staff, the families, the church and the board members, for all their time and dedication, in making this a great program.**

April 26 is our annual AGUMCC Children's Center Sunday Celebration. Families are invited to come and hear the children sing, at the 10:30AM church service. Following the service, AGUMCC will be hosting an Art Show and a Ice Cream Social, with homemade treats. This event will be fun for the whole family. We need volunteers to help make homemade treats to share at this event. The sign up sheet will be on the Sign In/Out table.



Do you own a computer? Please bring your empty ink cartridges in for the staff to recycle for cash at Office Max and Office Depot. The collection container, for the ink cartridges, is located next to the Sign In/Out table. We earn \$20 for every ink cartridge we turn in.

Staff Appreciation Luncheon is May 8 at 1:00 PM in the McMillen Room. If you can help with this special time for our staff please let me know.

Theme for The Month:

New Life & Springtime Discovery

Things that slither, fly, crawl,
and hop, oh my!



TIME WITH PASTOR DAVID & GOODIE BEAR

Pastor David will read "Surprise" from Mathew 28:5-10 in the Beginning Bible. "Goodie Bear" will share a "Fruit of the Spirit" teaching on "Goodness". Ask your child about this wonderful time we will be sharing together, on **Wednesday & Thursday, April 8 & 9 at 9:15 AM**, in the Church Narthex.

DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL

- **MONTH OF APRIL**- ENROLLMENT/REGISTRATION FOR AGUMCC'S 2015/2016 SCHOOL YEAR.
- **Wednesday, April 1** - SCHOOL CLOSES at 12:00/ ANNUAL HERITAGE POT LUCK LUNCH.
- **Thursday and Friday, April 2 and 3**- SCHOOL IS CLOSED for Easter Break
- **Thursday, April 9**- OPEN HOUSE, 6:30 -7:30 PM
- **Sunday, April 26** - CHILDREN'S CENTER SUNDAY. Children sing, at the 10:30 Service, followed by an Art Show and Ice Cream Social 11:30 -12:30.

MAY

- **MAY IS PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE MONTH**
- **Friday, May 8** - STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON, 1:00 PM, in the McMillen room.

**APRIL IS THE TIME TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR,
JULY 6, 2015-JUNE 24, 2016.**

The deadline for current families to register is Tuesday, April 7.

Families on our "Waiting List" can register, starting Wednesday, April 15 and "Open Enrollment" begins Friday, May 1.

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

March was an exciting month for the Pre-K class, with many different visitors, including animals such as the piglet, horse and chickens. We had a great time learning about farm animals, because they actually came to visit our school! During the month of March, we talked about various artists, such as Monet and Van Gough. We learned that each artist is different in style and in the way they use color. Because it has been so enjoyed by the children and families, we will continue to learn about a few more artists in the month of April. The art created by the children will be displayed during our annual Art Show, on Children's Center Sunday, to be held on April 26. For the month of April, we will also learn about life cycles and insects. The Pre-K students will focus on the letters, 'X', 'Y', and 'Z'. The month of April will also include assessments of the children, in preparation for May Conferences. Open House is coming up on Thursday, April 9, too. Lastly, it's time to start thinking about kindergarten. The public elementary schools and the private schools will soon be holding their kindergarten round ups. Happy Spring!

~Ms. Tresha

Ms. Kassie and Ms. Shirley's Preschool Class

It was such an exciting month of March. We focused on farms and farm animals . We had such fun pretending to be firefighters, in the fire station, too. We put out the fires all around the classroom. It was a blast at our Taco Bar Regatta Boat Racing Party. April is here and that means the celebration of new life. We are looking forward to planting all the seeds and plants that you brought. Also, I am welcoming all our families to come and help with the planting and soil fun. So, just let me, Ms. Kassie, know if you would like to come in and help with that. Also, coming up this month, is Children's Center Sunday, with an Art Show and Auction (April 26). Our class will be working on a Jackson Pollack splatter painting for that event. Hope to see you there.

~Ms. Kassie

Ms. Claudia and Mrs. Swati's Toddlers

I would like to start by officially welcoming Ms. Swati to room 2, as our new Toddler Teacher. If you haven't met her yet, I highly recommend you make sure to introduce yourself. We are so happy to have her here. I would also like to say "Thank you" to all the families who have volunteered to make playdough and to do laundry for our classroom. March was a busy month for Room 2. We had lots of special visitors, like "Jazzy", the piglet, "Mrs. Cee", the horse, a mamma hen and her chicks, and a tractor. We had lots of fun learning about farm animals and their habitats. In April we will be learning about the artist Andy Whorhal and his pieces of work. We will be replicating one of his pieces in class. Room 2's Whorhal Art piece will be displayed on April 26, at our annual Art Show event. April's theme is New Life and our focus will be on bugs. Spring is officially here!! April will be another busy month as we will be preparing for Open House and working on assessments of the children, to prepare for conferences. Keep in mind that conferences are coming up in May.

~Ms. Claudia

Cindy Bo's Young Toddlers

The Young Toddlers enjoyed our time exploring farm animals, how plants grow and a variety of vegetables and fruits. We looked, touched and tasted vegetables and fruits in different forms: raw, cooked, squeezed etc. We also read stories about and did our best at gardening, planting plants and our wheat berries. They worked on their fine motor skills and eye hand coordination, as they watered the plants and wheat grass, with spray bottles and sprinkler cans. We look forward to watching them grow, as we continue to care for them. Now we move into our celebration of new life, as flowers bloom and fruits emerge. Hopefully we will see and be able to taste tomatoes and squash, from our tomato and squash plants, in the months ahead. This is also an enjoyable time to explore the smallest of God's creatures : lizards, bugs and insects. We will learn about a variety of critters. The children have been thrilled to discover many of these in our yards already. They get so excited and can learn so much from their discoveries. We will also explore the process of metamorphosis: caterpillar to a butterfly. Make sure to note the various dates school will be closed and special events that will be taking place this month. There are many. Happy Spring!

~Cindy Bo