

# Children's Center Chronicle

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## Message from Ms. Maddy

Our theme this month is "Autumn". Autumn is a wonderful time of year. It is when we get back into the routine, after a fun filled summer. We are looking forward to a great new school year. This year we have 48 children enrolled. We still have openings in our young toddler class. If you know of someone in need of quality child-care, with low child to teacher ratios, please let them know about our wonderful program. Word of mouth, from a satisfied family, is our best advertisement.

**The Harvest Parade is coming.** If you and your child would like to join us in the parade on Saturday, Sept. 26, there will be a sign-up sheet out next week. This is a fun activity that lets the community know about our program. Parents or adult family members/friends can ride with their child/children, on the school float, which will be provided by the Amarillas family. You can also choose to walk alongside the float with your child on a trike, a scooter, in a stroller, etc. To show our school spirit, **we will be wearing our AGUMCC T-shirts in the parade.** If you are able to, please join us in decorating the float on Friday Sept.25 from 9-12, too.



**"Family Fun Day"** will be on **Saturday, Oct. 3rd** from 11:00-1:30. You and your family will not want to miss this fun filled event. There will be a Trike-A-Thon, BBQ lunch, carnival games, face painting, bounce houses, and a pumpkin patch. **Please come to the planning meetings on Thursdays, Sept. 17, and Oct.1 at 6:30 PM.** Also, talk with your child's teacher to find out what activity your child's class has planned for the carnival and see how you can help. There are many ways you and your child can take part in this **BIG EVENT**: sell BBQ tickets, buy tickets to play games at the carnival and/or get pledges and participate in the Trike-A-Thon. If you collect \$25 in pledges, you receive 10 free carnival game tickets and if you collect \$100 in pledges, your child will receive a **CARNIVAL WRISTBAND** to play at the carnival games and Bounce House for **FREE**. The money raised from this event will help us purchase needed supplies and materials for the classrooms. Invite the community by sharing the Family Fun Day flier at your work or at a business in our area. **Family participation is key to our school's success!!**

### 3 WAYS TO HELP AGUMCC

- ⇒ Bring your **EMPTY INK CARTRIDGES** for the staff to recycle, at Office Max, for instant rewards.
- ⇒ **Save and bring in LABELS FOR EDUCATION.** See the attached pamphlet for more info.
- ⇒ The container for both items are located next to the Sign In/Out Table.
- ⇒ **Sign up for E-SCRIP.** Our school earns cash directly from the E-Scrip program every time you shop at Vons or Macy's, and other participating mer-

- ★ Friday, Sept. 4 - STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY AND SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY. Wear your school T-shirt to show your school spirit.
- ★ **SCHOOL WILL CLOSE AT 3:30.**



★ Monday, Sept. 7 - School is Closed for LABOR DAY

★ Wed. & Thurs. Sept. 9 & 10 -PONY PICTURES @ 9:00-10:00

★ Thursdays Sept. 17 and Oct. 1 -FAMILY FUN DAY PLANNING MEETING @ 6:30 pm

★ Wednesday, Sept. 30 -SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS DUE!

★ Saturday, Oct. 3 -FAMILY FUN DAY, Trike-A-Thon, BBQ and Carnival from 11-1:30 PM

### Announcements

- **30 Day Notice Policy.** If you need to change your "Child Care Agreement", it is required to give a 30 day written notice with you last payment.
- **Only Adults May Open the Gate**  
This is for the safety of all children.
- **Parking Lot Speed Limit is 5 MPH.**  
This, again, is for everyone's safety.

### TIME WITH PASTOR MARY & GOODIE BEAR

Pastor Mary will read **Exodus 20** from the *Beginning Bible*. The story is about God's Laws. Goodie Bear and Ms. Shirley will share our moral teaching:  
**RESPECTFUL**

This special time is the first Wed. Sept. 2 and Thurs. Sept. 3 in the church narthex, at 9:15 am.

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

August was full of transitions! We said goodbye to the last of our Kindergarten friends. Many of our Pre-K students will miss them very much. We also focused on getting to know each and every child in a more individualized way and welcomed more new students to our class. We would like to thank all the families who attended the "Back to School Night"! It was fun to talk with you and get to know our Pre-K families better. In September, our theme will be "Autumn" and learning about how the weather changes throughout the year.



We will also begin introducing Zoo Phonics. We will introduce the children to Alli Alligator, Bubba Bear and Catrina Cat. You will find a list of all the Zoo Phonic animals and their signals in your Pre-k packet. We will also be working on the numbers 1, 2 and 3. I hope everyone has had the opportunity to look through the Pre-K information packets. Please let us know if you have any question, or have not received your packet yet.

~ Ms. Rebecca

### Ms. Shirley and Ms. Tresha's Preschool Class

Our School year is off to a wonderful start. During the month of August, we had a great time getting to know each other, learning about our families and how we are similar yet different. We focused on getting to know each child, and the uniqueness they bring to our classroom. For the month of September, we will start exploring the alphabet, with a focus on the letters 'D', 'E', and 'F'. The theme will be "Autumn". We will be discussing the changes that occur in the environment during this season. We will also be exploring apples. Measuring, sorting and counting, are a few of the ways we will explore them. We will be sending home a little "Apple Bag", for your child to bring back, with an apple in it, to share. We are looking forward to another great month.

~ Ms. Shirley

### Ms. Claudia and Mrs. Swati's Toddlers

We are having a wonderful time with our older toddlers. They are still adjusting to the class routines. In the month of August we learned about each other and our families. We have been practicing basic sitting and listening skills. Our "Back to School Night" was a success. Ms. Claudia and I were happy to talk with all

the families who were able to attend. Thanks, also, for bringing the delicious toppings and yummy treats for the "Ice Cream Social", . The Harvest Parade will be September 26. We hope that you can join us. Pony pictures will be September 9 and 10. In September we will be learning about apples and autumn. Our color will be red and the shape will be a rectangle. Our "Moral Teaching" is on "Respect". We are very grateful for the families who have volunteered to do our class laundry and to make playdough. If you wish to volunteer in our classroom, please come see me or Ms. Claudia. We will be happy to have a helping hand.



~ Ms. Swati

### Cindy Bo's Young Toddlers

Thank you to all my Young Toddler families who were able to attend our "Back To School Night". I really enjoyed that time with all of you! I hope you enjoy your copy of "No Bad Kids" by Janet Lansbury. In September, we will continue to focus on getting to know each other better, helping each child develop their sense of belonging and significance as part of our group. I will continue to focus on providing predictability in your child's day and helping them to develop a sense of security, by establishing consistent and familiar routines and boundaries. Many of the children are already feeling safe and secure enough to test those boundaries. If you notice this at home too, know that this is a good and healthy thing. Just remember that consistency and follow-through are very important! With our theme of "Autumn", we will be exploring the changes of the season and apples. I will soon be sending home a little white "Apple Bag" for your child to bring an apple in to share. We will explore their similarities and differences, discover the star in the middle, enjoy tasting them and make apple-sauce together. If you, or an adult family member,



are able to help out, in the classroom, with this morning cooking project, please let me know. Also, if you are available to volunteer to help out in other ways, please add your name to the "Calling All Young Toddler Families" volunteer list, located on the clip board in the front of the Family Folders file box. Thanks! It will be a fun month for us all. Blessings always!

~ Cindy Bo

### CONGRADULATIONS!

The Muhlhauser family were blessed with a baby boy, Brody Matthew, on August 20.

He was 20 inches long 9 lbs 9 oz.

The Robertson family were blessed with a bay boy, Carter Ryan on August 25.

He was 21 inches long and 8 lbs and 13 oz.