

Children's Center Chronicle

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center www.worshipweekly.com October

Message from Ms. Maddy

Parent participation is key to the success of our school! This month we are having our "8th Annual Family Fun Day". This day will include a Trike-A-Thon, TRI-TIP BBQ lunch, Bounce Houses, Face Painting, A Pumpkin Patch, Carnival Games and much more. Hopefully you have signed up to help in some way; classroom booth, pumpkin patch, decorating booth, to name a few. BBQ tickets and Trike-A-Thon pledges were due on Wed. Sept 23rd. Congratulations to the **Echavarria family** for selling the most BBQ tickets and congratulations to **the Phillips and Echavarria families** for collecting \$100 in Trike-A-Thon pledges. The Trike-A-Thon starts at 11:00; come early to help your child decorate his/her trike and the Tri-Tip lunch and games will be open from 11:30 -1:30. *This is a great opportunity to meet other families and to build a strong community of friendship within our program.*

Thank you to everyone who joined us in the Harvest Festival Parade! It was wonderful to have our AGUMCC children, staff and families represented at this fun annual event, again this year.

It is Parent/Teacher conference time. Conferences provide a great opportunity to build relationships between teachers and families. They also provide an opportunity to share information about your children and to set goals for them to work toward in the months ahead. Please check with your child's Caregiver/Teacher to schedule your individual conference. The conference will be scheduled for approximately 30 minutes.

Thank you to families, friends, and staff who have been using the "E Scrip" program. Currently we have a total of 38 people supporting our school through "eScrip". It's quick and easy to sign up! We earn \$\$\$ for our school, when you link your credit or debit card to our school number **500020780**. For more information regarding the "eScrip" program and to learn how to maximize your contributions, through the "eScrip" program, go to www.escrip.com.

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**Theme for The Month
"A Bountiful Harvest"**



Mark Your Calendar

OCTOBER IS PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE MONTH

Check with your child's Teacher to schedule a meeting time.

Saturday, October 3 - 8th Annual Family Fun Day

Trike-A-Thon starts at 11:00 and will continue to be open until 1:00. TRI-TIP BBQ lunch and old fashioned carnival games 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM.

STORY TIME WITH PASTOR MARY & GOODIE BEAR

Pastor Mary is going to read Mathew 14:13-21, "The Big Picnic" from the Beginning Bible. "Goodie Bear" .

Ms. Shirley will share our "Fruit of the Spirit" teaching: **Kindness**. This wonderful time together will be on **Wed., Oct. 7 and Thur., Oct. 8, at 9:10 AM**, in the church narthex.

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

October is here! Our hair dresser shop will be turning into a farm. Thank you all for bringing apples in the month of September. The class had so much fun sorting, weighing, and making patterns with the apples. In October we are focusing on the letters, 'D', 'E' and 'F'. The theme is "A Bountiful Harvest." We will be talking about farming and this month's Fruit of the Spirit, "Kindness." It sure will be fun to see you all at the Family Fun Day on October 3rd. Thank you for signing up to help ahead of time. Remember to bring your trike for the trike-a-thon! Check out our sign-up list, in the classroom, if you are interested in helping out in the classroom. We will be having parent/teacher conferences, starting this month. Remember to check your child's Family Folder daily. Have a wonderful safe October!

~Ms. Kassie

Ms. Shirley and Ms. Tresha's Preschool Class

Wow, September has flown by super-fast! Hello, October! The Preschool children have been so excited about the pizza shop, in our dramatic play area. They even helped transform the pizza shop to a sandwich shop for October's dramatic play theme. The preschool children especially love to play with manipulatives, playdough and in the block area. A big thank you to all the families for bringing apples in. We used the apples for measuring, weighing, and eating. In October we will focus on the letters, 'D', 'E' and 'F'. The theme of October is "A Bountiful Harvest". What a fun month this will be. We will talk about this month's Fruit of the Spirit, 'Kindness' and learn about the fall season. It sure will be fun to see you all at "Family Fun Day" on October 3. Check out our sign-up list, in the classroom, if you are interested in helping with this special event. This year we are in charge of two bounce houses; the toddler and preschool bounce houses. Don't forget about the trike-a-thon and bring your trikes! We will also be having parent/teacher conferences, this month. Remember to check your son/daughters family file folder and cubby for art projects and information. Lastly, don't forget to sign-up for playdough and laundry for the preschool classroom. Hope everyone has a great October!

~Ms. Tresha

Ask your child's Teacher about how you can help out inside or outside the classroom:

- * Helping with a cooking project
- * Making play-dough
- * Taking home laundry, etc.

Ms. Claudia and Mrs. Swati's Toddlers

We have spent the month of September learning more about school: making new friends, being responsible, the fall season, and most of all becoming comfortable in the school setting. Ms. Claudia and I welcome Liam and his family who joined us in September. We also welcome Pastor Mary, who is new to the children. We look forward to getting to know her as she reads from the Beginning Bible during our "Time With Pastor Mary". Children were filled with joy when Cupcake, the pony, came to visit us. The children had fun getting their picture taken while sitting on her back. All the pictures turned out to be super cute. Children have been learning about fall leaves, trees, and fruits. Thanks to all the families for bringing in an apple to share. It helped us to learn about different kinds of apples: how they taste, the many colors, and texture. We used the apples for sorting, counting, measuring, cooking, and we even did art with them. One of the children wanted to learn about volcanoes, so we decided to make an apple volcano. We used baking soda, apple cider vinegar and red food coloring in an apple. It was fun to see and talk about the pretend lava. During the month of September, we talked and learned about being respectful by using our manners and following directions. The Harvest Parade was fun too. Riding on the trailer was exciting. Thanks to all the families who joined us. We are looking forward to a great Family Fun Day on October 3rd. We hope to see all our families there. Please sign up to volunteer, for a short time, in our class booth. Thanks to the families that have helped us make play dough and take home the laundry. In October we are getting ready for Fall Conferences. Please look for the Conference Sign-Up Sheet. Claudia and I greatly appreciate your support and look forward to getting to know each family better. ~Ms. Swati

Cindy Bo's Young Toddlers

In September, I spent time encouraging the young toddlers in developing their interactions with each other, focusing on common emotions, being helpful and being kind. They all show great interest in each other and it is a joy to watch them point out a picture of a friend on a cubby or a Family Photo Board, what another is doing, when another is missing from the group or to offer a welcoming hug as they arrive or when saying "goodbye"! With the apples your child brought in, the children were able to enjoy a variety of "apple experiences". We looked at their similarities and differences, observed the "Star", when we sliced them open, tasted them, painted with them, and made applesauce (Yum!). I am hoping you will participate again, this month, by bringing in a pumpkin, to share with the group. We will be exploring their different sizes, shapes, colors, and textures as well as using them as part of our singing time, as we sing "Five Little Pumpkins". Thank you to those who were able to join us in the Harvest Parade and I hope you will all be able to join us for the upcoming "Family Fun Day"; it is a fun event. I count it a privilege to be a part of you and your child's lives!

~Cindy Bo