

Children's Center Chronicle

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

Message From Ms. Maddy:

We want to improve our communication and be better connected with all our families. Look for the "Family Communication Board" in your child's classroom. There you can find an "Extra Care" request form. Once you fill it out, hand it to your child's teacher, so she is aware of your request. Then, she will give it to me for approval. I will make a copy of it and return the original back to you. Then place the Extra Care Form in an envelope with your payment. Also, in the entryway, there is a "Family Network and Wish Board". On one side of the board, families can post their business cards, a picture to share, items that need a new home or an item to sell. On the other side of the board, teachers post items they need or would like to add to their classrooms. If you see an item on the board that you would like to donate or purchase, take the item notice off the board and return the item, with the note, to the office. We are always thankful for and appreciate the support we receive from our families!

The Children's Center Sunday event was a wonderful celebration of the children. We heard the children sing and saw their beautiful art, in Criswell Hall. Thank you to those who volunteered their time, to those who came, to those who brought items to share at the social, and to those who purchased the classroom masterpieces. We raised \$300. The money raised will be used to make an art patio in the backyard.

Staff Appreciation Luncheon is Thursday, May 5 at 1:00 PM. I'm looking for family members that would like to help with this special event, for the staff. If you can help with providing food, decorating, set up and/or clean up, let me know. There will be a Sign-up Sheet on the Sign In/Out Table, in the entryway.

Are you getting e-mails from me? If not, and you would like to get monthly reminders about special events and upcoming deadlines, please put your e-mail address in the tuition box for me.

May is Parent-Teacher Conference Time. This is an excellent opportunity for your child's teacher to share with you, the many experiences and milestones your child has had throughout the year. After attending your confer-

Show your School Spirit!

Order your T- shirt (\$10) or sweatshirt (\$15) now.

Don't delay! Order by Friday, May 13, 2016.

Children need their T-shirts in time for the

Theme for May:

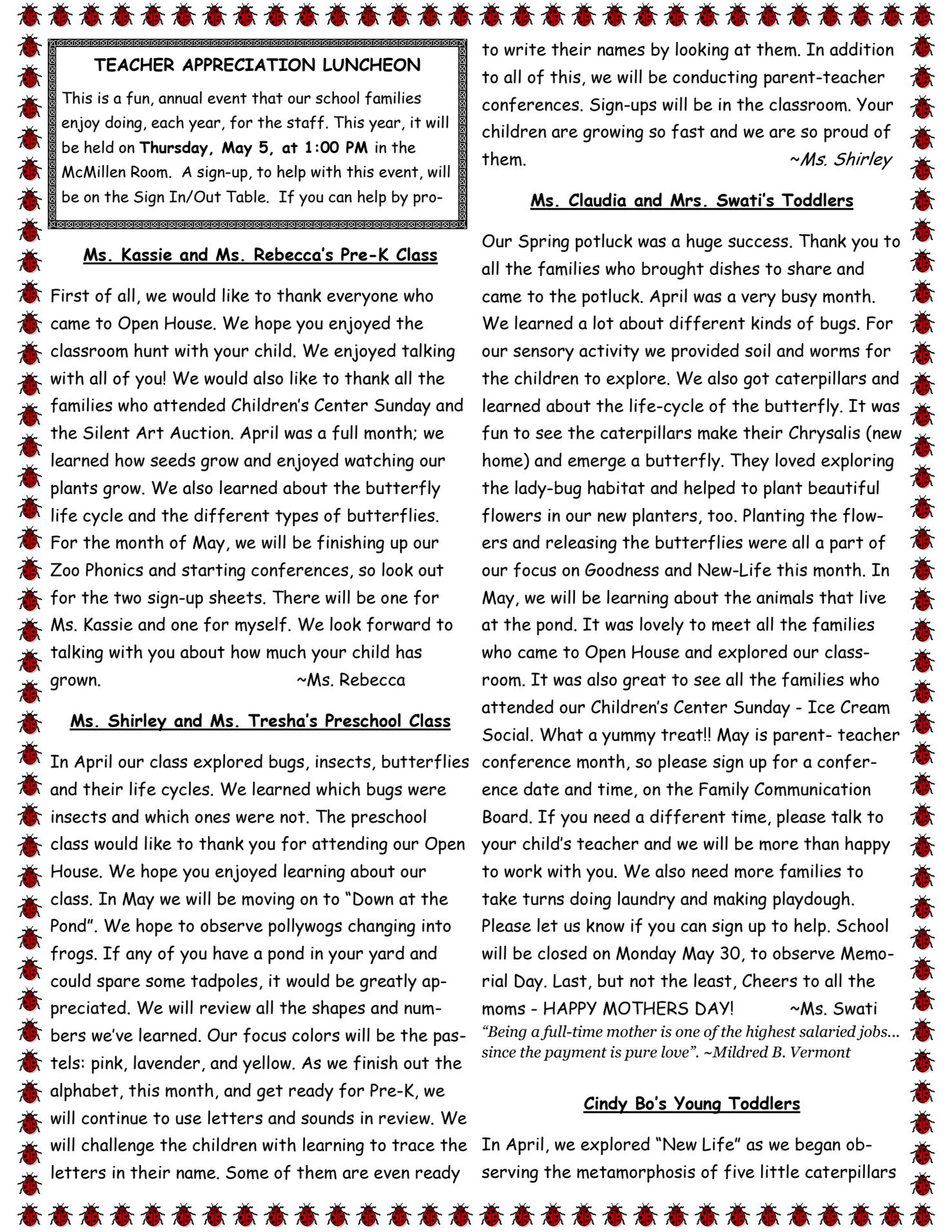


TIME WITH PASTOR MARY & GOODIE BEAR

Pastor Mary will read "Hannah's Prayer ", from 1 Samuel 1 & 2 in the Beginning Bible. "Goodie Bear" will share a "Fruit of the Spirit" teaching on "Patience". Ask your child about this wonderful time we will be sharing together,

Dates to remember

- May is the month for - Parent-Teacher Conferences; Sign-up with your child's Teacher/Caregiver, for your individual meeting date and time.
- Friday, May 6 - Teacher Appreciation Luncheon at 1:00 PM
- Sunday, May 8 - Happy Mother's Day!
- Monday, May 30 - School is Closed for Memorial Day
- Saturday, June 11—AGUMCC Golf Tournament at Monarch Challenge Course
- Thursday, June 16- Minimum Day (School Closes at 12) End of the Year Pot Luck Lunch
- Thursday, June 16 - Promotion and Acknowledgement Program will be held in the United Methodist Church Sanctuary, at 6:30 PM. All children and their families are



TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

This is a fun, annual event that our school families enjoy doing, each year, for the staff. This year, it will be held on **Thursday, May 5, at 1:00 PM** in the McMillen Room. A sign-up, to help with this event, will be on the Sign In/Out Table. If you can help by pro-

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

First of all, we would like to thank everyone who came to Open House. We hope you enjoyed the classroom hunt with your child. We enjoyed talking with all of you! We would also like to thank all the families who attended Children's Center Sunday and the Silent Art Auction. April was a full month; we learned how seeds grow and enjoyed watching our plants grow. We also learned about the butterfly life cycle and the different types of butterflies. For the month of May, we will be finishing up our Zoo Phonics and starting conferences, so look out for the two sign-up sheets. There will be one for Ms. Kassie and one for myself. We look forward to talking with you about how much your child has grown.

~Ms. Rebecca

Ms. Shirley and Ms. Tresha's Preschool Class

In April our class explored bugs, insects, butterflies and their life cycles. We learned which bugs were insects and which ones were not. The preschool class would like to thank you for attending our Open House. We hope you enjoyed learning about our class. In May we will be moving on to "Down at the Pond". We hope to observe pollywogs changing into frogs. If any of you have a pond in your yard and could spare some tadpoles, it would be greatly appreciated. We will review all the shapes and numbers we've learned. Our focus colors will be the pastels: pink, lavender, and yellow. As we finish out the alphabet, this month, and get ready for Pre-K, we will continue to use letters and sounds in review. We will challenge the children with learning to trace the letters in their name. Some of them are even ready

to write their names by looking at them. In addition to all of this, we will be conducting parent-teacher conferences. Sign-ups will be in the classroom. Your children are growing so fast and we are so proud of them.

~Ms. Shirley

Ms. Claudia and Mrs. Swati's Toddlers

Our Spring potluck was a huge success. Thank you to all the families who brought dishes to share and came to the potluck. April was a very busy month. We learned a lot about different kinds of bugs. For our sensory activity we provided soil and worms for the children to explore. We also got caterpillars and learned about the life-cycle of the butterfly. It was fun to see the caterpillars make their Chrysalis (new home) and emerge a butterfly. They loved exploring the lady-bug habitat and helped to plant beautiful flowers in our new planters, too. Planting the flowers and releasing the butterflies were all a part of our focus on Goodness and New-Life this month. In May, we will be learning about the animals that live at the pond. It was lovely to meet all the families who came to Open House and explored our classroom. It was also great to see all the families who attended our Children's Center Sunday - Ice Cream Social. What a yummy treat!! May is parent- teacher conference month, so please sign up for a conference date and time, on the Family Communication Board. If you need a different time, please talk to your child's teacher and we will be more than happy to work with you. We also need more families to take turns doing laundry and making playdough. Please let us know if you can sign up to help. School will be closed on Monday May 30, to observe Memorial Day. Last, but not the least, Cheers to all the moms - HAPPY MOTHERS DAY! ~Ms. Swati
"Being a full-time mother is one of the highest salaried jobs... since the payment is pure love". ~Mildred B. Vermont

Cindy Bo's Young Toddlers

In April, we explored "New Life" as we began observing the metamorphosis of five little caterpillars