

# Children's Center Chronicle

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## Message From Ms. Maddy

We want to be better connected with all our families. 1) Are you getting e-mails from me? If not, and you would like to get reminders about special events and upcoming deadlines, please put your e-mail address in the tuition box for me. 2) Like AGUMCC on Facebook. Get information about AGUMCC upcoming events that you can share with others. 3) Please check our Family Folders Daily. There is usually something in there, everyday. It could be art, an invitation, or a flyer about an upcoming event. 4) See the "Family Communication Board" in your child's classroom. There you can find an **"Extra Care"** or **"Safe Pick Up"** form, if needed. When you fill out an Extra Care Form, hand it to your child's teacher, so she is aware of your request. Then, she will give it to me, for approval. After a copy is made, the original will be returned to you for payment. Then place the Extra Care form in an envelope, with your payment. The Safe Pick Up form is used when there is a change in who will be picking up your child, when it is not part of the normal routine. 5) We have a "Family Network and Wish Board" in the entryway. 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 listed 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 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, brought an item to share, and to those who purchased the classroom masterpieces. The money raised will be used to improve the school library.

Staff Appreciation Luncheon is Thursday, May 10 at 1:00. Sign up to help provide lunch for our wonderful staff in the McMillen room at 1:00 pm. Areas I need help with are set up, food, decorations, and clean up.

AGUMCC is hosting a Golf Tournament at the beautiful Monarch Dunes Challenge Course on Sat. June 9. There are many ways to support this event: be a golfer, sponsor a golf team, advertise your business on the tee, and much more. See the attached fliers and participation form for more information. Deadline is May 21, 2018.

## Show your School Spirit!

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



**Don't delay! Order by Friday, May 18**

Children need their T-shirts in time for the "Promotion and Acknowledgement Program", on Thursday, June 14, 2018.

## BIBLE STORY & GOODIE BEAR TIME



Children will hear the story of "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, on **Wednesday & Thursday, May 2 & 3, at 9:05 AM**, in the Church Narthex.

## Dates to remember

- Thursday, May 10- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon at 1:00 PM
- Sunday, May 13- Happy Mother's Day!
- Monday, May 28 - School is Closed for Memorial Day
- Saturday, June 9 - AGUMCC Golf Tournament at Monarch Challenge Course
- Thursday, June 14- Minimum Day (School Closes at 12) End of the Year Pot Luck Lunch
- Thursday, June 14 - Promotion and Acknowledgement Program will be held in the United Methodist Church Sanctuary, at 6:30 PM. All children and their families are invited to this memorable event. Children arrive @ 6:15 PM in their classrooms.

## TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

This is a fun annual event where our school families provide lunch for the staff. This year, it will be held on **THURSDAY, MAY 10, AT 1:00 PM**, in the McMillen Room. A sign-up, to help with providing food, decorating, helping with set up and/or clean up, will be on the Sign In/Out Table. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Maddy.

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

Spring has sprung!!! April was a fun time learning about seeds and growing. We created grass heads, watering them and trimming their grass hair. We also learned about the life cycle of insects and frogs. We did many experiments with weighing things, learning vocabulary such as "less", "more" "heavier", "lighter", and "even". Open House was fun! The children had fun playing our "Find it in the Classroom" game and they were so excited about the root beer floats. The art auction was very exciting, too. The children really enjoyed creating our art for the show. For the month of May, we will be finishing up the alphabet, with the letters 'X', 'Y' and 'Z'. I will begin to introduce three letter words, using the Zoo Phonics letters, during group times. The children have started showing an interest in games. I will soon be introducing age appropriate games so that the children can learn how to take turns, in a group, and how to be a "good sport". I look forward to following the lead of the children's future interests, as well.

~Ms. Rebecca

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

As the saying goes, April showers bring May flowers. We had a very busy month, in April. The preschoolers learned about the life cycle of the butterfly and how it all starts out with a caterpillar egg. We had live caterpillars that we were able to see emerge from their chrysalises as beautiful butterflies. As a group, we also decided on names for the butterflies, before letting them fly away in the backyard. We finished our study of the alphabet, with the letters 'X', 'Y' and 'Z'. In the month of May, we will spend time talking about plants and what they need to help them grow. If you would like, feel free to bring in flower seeds, to share with the class. We will also start to prepare for our graduation/promotion, coming up in June. Can you believe it? We will be wrapping up our year in June. Wow! This year has flown by fast. Ms. Jayna and I cannot thank you all enough for all your kindness and expressions of gratitude toward us, as we've had the privilege of helping your children grow. Each and every child, in our program, has touched our lives and, honestly, it means so much to us. Thank you!

~Ms. Tresha

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

During the month of April, our children really enjoyed building activities using the hollow and small wood blocks. They have been interested in different kinds of construction vehicles, as well. Therefore, we have been reading books and listening to some of the noises that the construction vehicles make. Also, we are fortunate for the opportunity to see lots of big trucks, while playing in our school's backyard. We started to learn about the life-cycle of the butterfly, as we have observed live caterpillars growing and preparing to form their chrysalises. The children have also been enjoying digging in the sand box with shovels and sticks. They've enjoyed using spray bottles to water and watch the baby plants grow, from the seeds they planted. They're having fun using the cash register, with play money, and pretending to sell fruits, vegetables and snacks, in the dramatic play area. We have been learning about what happens when you mix different colors, such as mixing blue and yellow to make green. We even discovered what colors to mix together to make brown. Our 'Spring Heritage Potluck' was a nice event. I want to thank all the families who brought dishes to share and who were able to join us. We are glad that several of you made it to the Open House and explored our classroom and your child's up and coming classroom, as well. In May, we plan to explore and discover more about different kinds of bugs and insects. We will be exploring worms in our worm bin and releasing lady bugs in to our gardens. We need more families to take turns doing laundry and making playdough. Please sign up, if you can help. 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 six little caterpillars forming their chrysalis', getting ready to emerge as beautiful butterflies. After we have a chance to observe the butterflies in their classroom habitat, for a while, the young toddlers will have the opportunity to release them into our backyard. There has been a lot of joy in outdoor discoveries, as well, such as lizards crawling, flowers blooming, and leaves falling. We will continue to explore and pay attention to these special nature discoveries as we move into the month of May. Thanks to those who were able to participate in one or both of our April events: the Open House and Children's Center Sunday. It is so nice to have families involved and to have the chance to get to know you better! A belated "Thank you" for our time together during parent-teacher conferences, as well! I appreciate you!

~Cindy Bo