

# Children's Center Chronicle

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center [www.agumcc.org](http://www.agumcc.org) April 2019

## Message from Maddy

Spring is here and it is "The Month of the Young Child". Our school will host our annual "Open House", Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 PM. This is a community event, so please invite your family and friends. This is a time for the staff to share the importance of the 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.

Remember **School will be closed for Staff Development Thursday, April 11 and Friday April 12.** Easter is also in April this year and **school will be closed for Holy Thursday, April 19 and Good Friday April 20th.**

**Sunday, April 28,** we will have our annual **AGUMCC Children's Center Sunday Celebration.** Families are invited to come and hear the children sing at the 10:30AM church service and attend our fabulous **Art Show and Ice Cream Social.** The Art Show will include wonderful group art projects, one made by each classroom, that will be auctioned off through "Silent Bidding". Check out your child's classroom project, that will be displayed starting April 15th. To get a bidding number, so you can bid on your child's art piece, please see me, Maddy. We also need volunteers to help make homemade treats to share at this event. The sign up sheet will be on the Sign In/Out Table starting April 22.

Now that current families have registered for our next session, to begin July 1, we'll be contacting families on our "Waiting List", in regard to enrollment. Families not on our "waiting list" will be eligible to join us May 1st.

**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

## New Life & Springtime Discovery *Things that slither, fly,*



### BIBLE STORY & GOODIE BEAR TIME

Our story, from the Beginning Bible this month is "Jesus is Risen", from Matthew 28:5-10. "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 3 & 4, at 9:05 AM, in the Church Narthex.**

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### APRIL

- **Friday, April 5** - School Spirit Day and Staff Development. There is no Extended Care on this day. School closes at 3:30.
- **Wednesday, April 10** - OPEN HOUSE, 6:30 -7:30 PM
- **Thursday and Friday, April 11 and 12** - School is Closed for Staff Development
- **Wednesday April 17th** — is a Minimum Day and our annual Pot Luck Lunch. School will closed at noon.
- **Thursday and Friday, April 18 and 19** - School will be Closed for Easter Break.
- **Sunday, April 28** - CHILDREN'S CENTER SUNDAY. Children will sing at the 10:30 Service, Children are invited to attend Sunday school during the Service. The Art Show and Ice Cream Social will be 11:30 -12:00.

#### MAY

- **Friday, May 3** - School Spirit Day and Staff Development. There is no Extended Care on this day. School closes at 3:30.
- **Thursday, May 9** - Staff Appreciation Luncheon, 1:00 PM, in the McMillen room.

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

Hi everyone! Happy Spring!!! Mary and I had a wonderful time meeting with all of you and discussing how your children have grown. In the month of March the children were so excited about the hail and the thunder and lighting. We took the opportunity to read about thunder and lighting and drew pictures of the experiences we had with it. We also did a lot of working with scissors and practicing our cutting skills. We will be starting to work on our class's art piece for the annual art show and auction. This year, pre-k will be presenting a pottery piece. We hope that everyone will be excited about and engaged in this project. For the month of April, we will be working on letters 'U', 'V' and 'W'. We will be working on reading and writing words as well.

~Ms. Rebecca

### Ms. Daphne and Ms. Maddy's Preschool Class



Thank you for taking the time to meet during conference time. We enjoyed sharing with you how the children have grown this year. March was fun as the children enjoyed planting seeds and small plants to get ready for spring. The Fruit of the Sprit for March was Gentleness. We discussed how we each can be gentle by helping one another as the Good Samaritan was gentle. The children enjoyed the cold weather and the ice that they found in the early mornings in our back yard. They thought the sheets of ice looked like glass and others thought they were magical with sparkles. In April we will be learning about insects and what they do to help our environment. Our shape for the month is the oval and the letters are 'U', 'V', and 'W'. We will also learn the number 9 and review our secondary colors (orange, purple and green). Our moments of quiet time during the week seems to help several children maintain a more respectful day. The children also like reflecting on what they hear when everyone is quiet. We look forward to another great month. ~Ms. Daphne

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

Spring is here and our class has been in full gear. In March the children enjoyed sprouting beans

and planting flowers in our yards. They used water cans to water plants in both yards. Our classroom was also busy as the children enjoyed playing in dramatic play with the doctor's office. If the teachers sat in the dramatic play space, the children immediately started working on us as a patients. The words, "Time for your checkup", would ring through the classroom. We talked about planting and what flowers and plants need to grow. Soil was a hit in our sensory table as the children used shovels, rakes and flowers. Farming was another discussion at group. In April we will continue to talk about planting and see new life happen. We will learn about how to take care of our environment. As Easter is upon us, the older toddler group will be busy making special projects to take home and learn that "Jesus is alive". This is a very busy month and please remember to check the dates that the school will be closed, as there are quite a few this month. Happy Easter to all and be blessed. In God's Love,



~Ms. Shirley

### Cindy Bo's Young Toddlers

In March, the Young Toddlers enjoyed their time transplanting flowers in to pots and adding a few plants to our gardens. They especially had fun working on their fine motor skills and eye hand coordination, as they watered our plants with spray bottles and sprinkler cans. We look forward to watching them grow, as we continue to care for them. We will continue working on our gardening skills this month, as each child will be planting their own wheatgrass basket. April moves us into our celebration of new life, as flowers bloom and fruits emerge. Hopefully we will see and be able to taste tomatoes, strawberries, cucumbers etc., from our 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 as the children show an interest in them. We will also be exploring the process of metamorphosis: caterpillar to a butterfly as I include a butterfly habitat in the classroom. Make sure to note the various dates of special events that will be taking place this month. There are many. Happy Spring! He is risen!

~Cindy Bo