

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 your 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. We will keep the copy and the original will be returned to you for payment. Then, place the Extra Care form, in an envelope, in the tuition box, 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 9 at 1:00 pm. 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. May 18. We are still looking for golfers. 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 flier and participation form for more information. Deadline to register is being extended to Friday, May 3, 2019.

Show your School Spirit!



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

Don't delay! Order by Friday, May 17

Children need their T-shirts in time for the

Dates to remember

- Thursday, May 9 - Teacher Appreciation Luncheon at 1:00 PM
- Sunday, May 12 - Happy Mother's Day!
- Saturday, May 18 - AGUMCC Golf Tournament at Monarch Challenge Course
- Monday, May 27 - School is Closed for Memorial Day
- Thursday, June 13 - Minimum Day (School Closes at 12) End of the Year Pot Luck Lunch
- Thursday, June 13 - 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



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 1 & 2, at 9:05 AM**, in the Church Narthex.

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 9, 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. Rebecca's and Ms. Mary's Pre-K Class

Spring is here and so is the growth of the children and things around us. In April, we created grass heads and watched them grow and trimmed them before sending them home. We also did an experiment with "Peeps" and learned how to shell boiled eggs. We appreciated our family's participation in our April events, as well. There were Parent-Teacher Conferences, an Open House, the Heritage Pot Luck and Children's Center Sunday -Social-Art Show and Auction. Wasn't the hand print bowl the children created for the auction an awesome piece? For the month of May, we will continue learning how our letter sounds create words and finish up our Zoo Phonics letters, 'X', 'Y', and 'Z'. We will explore animal habitats and learn about the children's favorite animals. We will celebrate Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, and Teacher Appreciation Day. We will also start to prepare for our graduation/promotion, coming in June. We thank you for all your support. ~Ms. Mary

Ms. Daphne and Ms. Maddy's Preschool Class

Hello everyone hope you're enjoying some of our warmer days and are spending more time outside. April was a busy month, with children's conferences, and the teacher's attending the CAAEYC conference in Northern CA. So much learning and fun was had by all. The children did a fantastic job singing at our Children's Center Sunday -Social-Art Show and Auction. We also had a nice show of families for our Open House, as families came and participated, with their children, in class activities. This month, we invite you to bring rocks and fossils for the children to explore and enjoy. Also, in May, we will be working with pastels and the letters 'W', 'X', 'Y', and 'Z'. The shape this month is the Octagon, our number is 10 and the "Fruit of the Spirit" is "Patience". We will continue to hone in our cutting and tracing skills as so many children enjoy those activities. We will continue our quiet moment during the week as it seems to help several children to have a more respectful day and they also seem to love it. We are looking forward to another great month.

~Ms. Daphne

Ms. Shirley and Mrs. Swati's Toddlers

Children have been enjoying building activities using loose parts, such as the cardboard packing corners in the block

area. They have also been interested in different kinds of construction vehicles. We have been reading book and listening to some of the noises that the construction vehicles make. Also, we are thankful to have the opportunity to look at big trucks outside while playing in our school's backyard. Children have been enjoying digging in the sand box with shovels and sticks and using the big dump truck to carry the sand. They enjoyed dressing up and doing make-over's, in the "Beauty Shop", in the dramatic play area. They have been enjoying dressing up and acting out the various roles of princess, fire-fighter, mommies etc. They are working together on taking turns with dress-up material, too. The older toddlers had an amazing time planting seeds and enjoyed watering them, using spray bottles, and watching the baby plants grow. We are learning about mixing different colors, such as blue and yellow making green. We also mixed different colors to make brown. I want to thank all the families who brought dishes to share and came to the 'Heritage Potluck'. It was also lovely to meet all the families who came to the Open House and explored our class room. In May, we will be learning about different kinds of bugs and insects. We will be learning about the life-cycle of the butterfly as we observe the metamorphous of our caterpillars. We will be exploring worms in our worm bin and releasing lady bugs in to our outdoor environments, too. We will be talking about different parts of plants and exploring fruits and vegetables that grow in the garden. 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. We had a great time, as a staff, learning and being inspired at the CAEYC Conference so, thanks for supporting us through our fundraisers, that made this experience, for us, possible! Thanks, also, to those who were able to participate in one or all of our April events: the Open House, Heritage Potluck 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

