

# Children's Center Chronicle

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center visit us on the web at [worshipweekly.com](http://worshipweekly.com) July 2019

## The Promotion Program was fun and inspirational!

All the children sang beautifully! The Pre-K children also accepted their certificates of completion of the AGUMCC program. We will miss them and wish them the best, as they move on to Kindergarten.



## BIBLE STORY & GOODIE BEAR TIME

We will read "The Voice at Night", from 1 Samuel 3, in the Beginning Bible. "Goodie Bear" will share the "Moral Teaching" of "Responsibility". Ask your child about this wonderful time we will be sharing together, on Wednesday, July 3 at 9:05 AM, in the Church Narthex.



## Parking Lot Safety SPEED LIMIT IS 5 MPH

Did you know it is unlawful...

- 1) ..to leave children, under the age of 12, alone in a vehicle?
- 2) ..to leave your vehicle running, unattended?

## Message from Ms. Maddy

**Welcome** to all the new families who have joined our program. Currently our program has 42 students. Word of mouth is our best advertisement, so thank you for telling others about us!

**We hope you will share your summer time fun** with us, by bringing in pictures or souvenirs to share, from your family travels.



Summer is a busy time for many families, as well as for the staff. Please let your child's teacher know if your child will not be coming to school, because of vacation or due to illness. Teachers record absences, related to illness, on their classroom illness log.

**We appreciate your support in helping to keep everyone healthy.** A well balanced diet, plenty of rest and regular hand washing are **KEY** to happy and healthy children, families, and staff. We ask, at the beginning of each day, that your child uses the hand sanitizer or washes his/her hands when they enter the program. Reason being, as we travel from place to place, we also bring with us germs. It is also good practice to use the hand sanitizer before leaving the facility. This will help prevent taking home any additional germs, that may have been picked up, while at school. Also, please review the visual aid, handwashing sheet, for proper handwashing methods.

**What makes Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center different from other child care centers?**

We offer a low child to teacher ratio, having a 4:1 ratio in our toddler program and a 6:1 ratio in our preschool and Pre-k program. We pride ourselves on having a quality program that offers an Emergent Curriculum. Our staff follows the lead of the children and introduces new and exciting activities, to sustain the child's interest, over a period of time. This type of curriculum is socially and intellectually engaging as well as personally meaningful to the children.



**Celebrate our Independence!  
Happy Birthday USA!**

## WISH BOARD

CHECK OUT THE WISH BOARD TO DONATED ITEM'S NEEDED FOR THE CHILDREN'S CENTER

\* 1 GALLON OF BUBBLES

\* CASE BABY WIPES

\* AA BATTERIES



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

Welcome! Welcome! Welcome! We are so excited for the new school year and getting to know all our families. I would also like to welcome Ms. Ashley to the Pre-K class. We will be handing out our information packets about Pre-K this month as soon as our up-dates have been completed. We can't wait to talk with you.  
~ Ms. Rebecca

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

We will miss June, with our group of children that are moving on to their next class, and our study of shells and ocean animals. Before moving on, they learned about Self Control, reviewed all of the numbers 1-10, and the letters Aa - Zz. We had so much fun matching shells and reading about the ocean and the animals that live in them. We also practiced number writing and some beginning addition. We had fun painting sea stars using bubble wrap and we finally finished painting our rocks. They all look fantastic! June also brought promotion celebrations for everyone, some children are moving into new classes and some are moving into Kindergarten and new schools. There was singing and saying good-byes by parents, children and teachers. July brings the beginning of a new school year with new friends. We will be making family picture collages, and learning how to be more responsible. With our new group we will be exploring the color red, the number 0, and circles. We will be also be teaching these children, who are new to our class how to spend some quiet time meditating. This was a helpful skill for our last group to learn. They really enjoyed this practice and it helped them maintain a more peaceful day. It is sure to do the same, for the new children, during the weeks that lie ahead.  
~ Ms. Daphne

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

During our final month with our group, who are now moving on to the preschool class, we enjoyed many fun outside activities. The children had fun playing at the water table and using spray bottles to water plants, toys and even each other. The children also enjoyed picking and eating the red ripe strawberries from our garden in the courtyard. They learned more about self-control as they waited patiently for the strawberries to turn red before picking them. They had fun catching bugs and practiced counting them before putting them in a net. They also had fun digging for worms in the dirt, in sensory tub, and exploring them further as we read books about worms and asked open-ended questions. The group enjoyed cooking pretend food over the BBQ grill and roasting marshmallows over the campfire, in our dramatic play area. Many of the children were using our boogie boards and toboggans in imaginative ways, such as using them to pretend they were in

"sail boats" and creating their own obstacle courses with them. I can't believe it's the start of the new school year and the year has gone by so fast. It is that time of the year that children are moving to their next class. I have enjoyed spending time with, bonding and cherishing the children and the families who have been with us this past year. It is fun to see the children grow and blossom, as they have. They enjoyed visiting their new classroom, connecting with their new teachers and with the other children who were visiting during our "Week of Welcome". It was also great to meet all the new families that will be joining our group. I wish all the children and families the best in their future endeavors ahead. I also want to extend my thanks to all the families that took time and volunteered to help us with doing laundry, making playdough, etc. Also, I want to welcome aboard all our new children and their families.  
~ Ms. Swati

### Cindy Bo's Young Toddlers

I am very excited to begin our new school year session with our new group of Young Toddlers. A very warm "Welcome" to each of these children and their families! It was so nice to have the children visit, with parents and other family members, during our "Week of Welcome". This gave them the chance to become familiar with our school environment and routine. Because you, their moms, dads, nannies, etc., took the time to be here with them, they received the message that school is a safe, secure and fun place to be. I also appreciated having the opportunity to get to know each one of them, as well as you, before their official first day of school. In order to help them develop a sense of security here, I will be working to develop my Primary Care relationship with them and to establish a consistent and familiar routine. I will also work to provide an experience, for these Young Toddlers, that will not only foster learning, but will create in them a love for school. I will also begin to identify the things that interest them most and develop curriculum around those interests. The Young Toddlers will be given the opportunity to explore and learn more about the things that they are naturally drawn to, as I do my best to incorporate this type of "emergent curriculum" in to their school experience. I am looking forward to all the fun we will have together.

Blessings to all!

~ Cindy Bo

#### **CAN YOU HELP WITH THE LAUNDRY?**

We need volunteers to help with the school laundry, each month. If you would like to help, please see Ms. Maddy or your child's teacher.

#### **CAN YOU HELP WITH MAKING PLAYDOUGH?**

This is a great activity to do with your child. Just take home the playdough bucket, with the easy playdough recipe on top, and enjoy the playdough making process together. Your child will look forward to bringing back what they helped make and sharing it with their friends.