

# Children's Center Chronicle

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center [www.worshipweekly.com](http://www.worshipweekly.com) November 2019

## Message from Ms. Maddy:

The Staff extends a warm "Thank you" to all those who participated in the "Fall Tri Tip Event". The event was a success because of the many volunteers that kept everything running smoothly. We were able to raise \$2777 that we will use to purchase supplies for the classrooms.

Each year our school does a **Community Service Project**. We collect "PENNIES FOR TURKEYS". This project helps bring awareness to the needs of others. There is a spare change collection jar in each classroom. Simply by donating your spare change, you can make a difference for others in our community. The collection canisters will be given to "Five Cities Christian Women's Food Pantry" at our Giving Celebration. They, in turn, will buy turkeys for families in need this holiday season. This is a great way to help others in our community.

We will be selling *See's Candy for the Holidays*. See the attached form. You can also share this fundraiser with others via our web site or our Facebook page. This fundraiser will assist teachers in their professional growth. **Orders and money are due by Tuesday, December 3**, so we can get the candy by Friday, December 12. If you would like to help with this fundraiser, please see me.

This month we will have our annual "*Giving Celebration*". We invite all our families to join us for the celebration on **Wednesday, November 27**, in Criswell Hall at 12:00. This date is also a **Minimum Day**. School will close at noon. Please remember to sign your child out before coming to the celebration. We will sit together, eat our annual Giving Soup, to share in the "Spirit of Giving". Each family is encouraged to sign up to provide something for the celebration. For this event to be a success, **we also need several volunteers** to help with "Set Up", "Meal Preparations" and "Clean Up". Look for the "Volunteer Sign-Up" and "Items To Bring Sign-Up" sheets on the Sign-In/Out Table.

**Fall Family Survey is going out this month of November**. We have provided two ways for you to complete it; one, as a hard copy that will be put in your Family Folder and another way is electronically through Survey Monkey, via your email and our web site. The information you provide will let us know more about you and your child's experience here at AGUMCC. Your suggestions will help us in our efforts to continually improve our program. It is our ambition to offer the best quality program for children, families, and staff. This year there was a new question about your families median income. This question is for grant writing purposes only.

**Are you getting AGUMCC Announcements from me via email?** If not, let me know. I don't want you to miss any important information regarding things happening at school.

HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING  
TO ALL!



### Fruit of The Spirit: Faithfulness

*Each day we reflect on God, expressing our thankfulness, as we say a simple prayer, "Thank you God for our food, and our friends, and our families. Amen." This is an act of faithfulness.*

## Mark Your Calendar

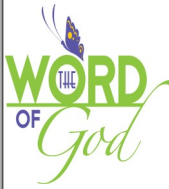
**Friday, Nov. 1** - Staff Development  
**SCHOOL IS CLOSED AT 3:30.** It's SPIRIT DAY too!  
Wear your school T-shirt.

**Monday, Nov. 11** - **SCHOOL IS CLOSED** to observe Veterans Day.

**Wednesday, Nov. 27** - "Giving Celebration" Sign up to bring an item for the celebration meal. **SCHOOL IS CLOSED AT 12:00.** Remember to sign your child out, then come to the celebration meal in Criswell Hall.

**Thursday & Friday, November 28 & 29** - **SCHOOL IS CLOSED** for Thanksgiving Break.

## BIBLE STORY & GOODIE BEAR TIME



We will read "Daniel and the Lions", from the Beginning Bible, Daniel 6:10-28. Goodie Bear and Ms. Shirley will share our "Fruit of the Spirit" teaching on **Faithfulness**. This wonderful time together will be shared on **Wednesday & Thursday, November 6 & 7, at 9:05 AM**, in the church narthex.

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

October just flew by!!!! During the month of October the children were interested in many different topics. They requested Paw Patrol toys so we put pictures of the characters on the blocks in the block area. Also we found Paw patrol worksheets to practice our letter writing. The children also requested dinosaurs so we added dinosaurs to the block area, informational books in the science area and a dinosaur felt board story in the library area. Along with all the fun and interesting activities in our classroom we have been working on making green and red choices. If you would like to know about what a red or green choice is, please ask us. Finally, I hope everyone had a safe and fun Halloween. We look forward to what is going to happen in November and discovering what the children's interest will be

~Ms. Rebecca

### Ms. Andrea and Ms. Elizabeth's Preschool Class

It's officially fall and we saw it in our preschool room as we learned about the color orange this past month. You saw lots of orange leaves, pumpkins and even orange elephants. We even made our own orange paint by mixing red and yellow. Although orange was our color of the month, we looked forward to seeing some green in our classroom because we planted some pumpkin seeds

and were waiting for them to sprout! In the meantime, thanks to all the families for bringing in some full-grown pumpkins for us to weigh, measure, sort by size and use for other fun experiments and activities. We moved on from Aa, Bb, and Cc to the letters Dd, Ee, and Ff. We read about dinosaurs, elephants and feathers. To welcome fall we added a Farmer's Market to the dramatic play center along with some fun costumes including a bee, firefighter, and a big puffy pumpkin, just to name a few. Our moral teaching was kindness, so we played Kindness Bingo. Ms. Elizabeth and I watched with kindness binoculars and saw many wonderful examples of kindness in our classroom including children sharing toys with one another, helping their friends up when they fell, putting away toys that they didn't take out, just to help out a friend, and lots of friendly greetings and hugs. Once we filled up the Bingo board, we celebrated with a picnic lunch! To prepare for fall colds, we learned about germs and worked really hard to wash our hands, fronts, backs, and in-betweens, along with making sure to dry them completely so the "throw up germ" doesn't hide in our wet hands. We also covered our coughs with our sleeves and washed our hands after we blew our noses. For our SAFE program we learned about using the crosswalk and looking both ways before crossing the street and even practiced this skill by taking a walk across the street to go on a leaf hunt. We also had an earthquake drill and learned about fire safety. As we move into November, we want to remind everyone that the backyard is very shady and therefore a bit chilly in the morning, so we encourage you to send your children in layers so they are warm enough outside and can be comfortable inside. That's all for now. See you in class!

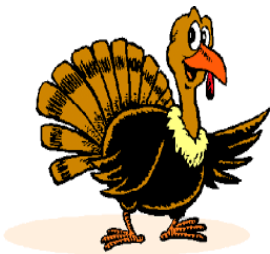
~Ms. Andrea

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

Fall has been exploding in our classroom during the month of October. We discovered the colors of fall through leaves and pumpkins. Children are having fun picking leaves from the backyard/courtyard. They painted with leaves using a variety of fall colors. The children explored hay, pumpkins, corn and leaves in our sensory bin.

They showed interest in pretending to cook with pumpkins in the dramatic area and helped in making some delicious pancakes. We made a pumpkin pie together, Yum!!

We have been learning about different shapes, like the crescent, oval, rectangle, triangle, square, star, and circle. Children are enjoying learning about owls, spiders and bats, through books, as well. They have also been playing with farm animals and imitating the different sounds that animals make. The children had the opportunity to explore the inside and outside of pumpkins. They scooped out the seeds and tasted them after they had baked. They also be helped to carve a pumpkin into a Jack-o-Lantern. So far, we are working on getting to know each other and reviewing the classroom rules. The have now become more comfortable and adjusted to our class routines. We are learning to be thankful for the things that God has given us. Thanksgiving is a time that we can communicate respect for others. We will be talking a lot about families and being thankful. We are lucky to have families from a variety of cultures. Along with the children's accomplishments, our families have been wonderful. Your response to volunteering in doing laundry, making playdough, etc. has been amazing. Ms. Shirley and I are grateful for all your support and willingness to take an active role in our classroom. Ms. Shirley and I wish you and your family a very happy and healthy Thanksgiving this year!!!



~ Ms. Swati

### **A GREAT WAY TO HELP OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY, SIMPLY BY SAVING YOUR PENNIES.**

Once again, we will be collecting "pennies", in each classroom, to help the "Five Cities Christian Women's Food Pantry". The money collected will be used to buy turkeys for others in need this holiday season. **SAVE YOUR PENNIES** and look for the collection containers in your child's classroom.



### Cindy Bo's Young Toddlers

The Young Toddlers (Even the newer ones!) are becoming more and more familiar with our classroom routines and have also grown in their interest in social interactions. They are starting to show excitement when they see each other and will look for ways to join each other in play, such as handing each other a play object or joining another child in an activity they see them engaged in. It is exciting to see how much they are learning and how much fun they are having at school and with each other. In October, I repeated many of the Songs and Stories that the group expressed interest in. They all enjoyed, and were able to maintain attention to, songs or stories that included some type of hands on experience for them, such as holding on to the animal play figures as we sang "Old McDonald" or holding on to the pumpkins after I used them for our "Five Little Pumpkins" chant. We continued to enjoy the hidden object game, we've been playing, during our "Song & Story Time", too. The group watches as I hide three different objects under individual scarfs and take turns trying to remember where the "tiny pumpkin" is hidden. This game is helping them to develop the concept of object permanence, and they have so much fun discovering what is hidden, whether they remember correctly or not. The children also enjoyed helping to make pumpkin pie and were able to learn about the cause and effect of the baking process; how a hard pumpkin could become soft and mashable, after being baked, and how mixing ingredients and baking them in a pie could produce something so warm and tasty. We have so much to be thankful for! I am thankful for the blessings of working with such precious children and the privilege of getting to know you, their families. I'd like to offer a special "Thank you" to Jenna (Maverick's mom) for regularly helping to make playdough. With a heart full of thankfulness, Happy Thanksgiving to all!

~ Cindy Bo