



Message from Ms. Maddy

Friendship and Love are the foundations to building strong relationships. This month we will be sharing the importance of friendship and how to show friendship to one another. It is through the love of one another that friendship is fostered. It is our hope that you see, through our actions and words, how the staff of AGUMCC, have love for you and your child. We feel blessed that you have entrusted your greatest gift to us and we sincerely desire to foster a growing relationship that will benefit your child during this precious time of learning and development.

The Winter Survey results are in. According to the survey, families chose our program for these reasons: the age appropriate curriculum, socialization, and low child to teacher ratio. 81% of the families said that the information regarding COVID was helpful and that they were well informed on how AGUMCC is following the COVID guidelines and procedures. Parent involvement is Key to our schools success. 25% of families said they helped with laundry, 44% donated supplies to the school, and 62% participated in fundraisers. 93% feel that the staff communicate well with the families. The most popular way families like to receive information is in person and child pilot was the next best way. I greatly appreciate all the input for the survey. (See the attached summary for complete details.)

March is Enrollment time for our 2020-2021 session, which begins July 6, 2021. For families who are currently enrolled, registration information will be available at drop off or pick up. Registration and payment are due by March 15. See me for an additional "Registration Form", if you have a second child on our "Waiting List". As a current family member, you are able to register him or her, at this time, as well. I will contact families on our "Waiting List", starting April 1, 2021. Currently we still have openings in our Preschool and Pre K groups.

A \$1 a day Tuition Increase will take effect July 1, 2021. The increase will help keep AGUMCC open and manage the rising cost of supplies, utilities, and staffing along with demands brought on by COVID regulations.

It is always good to plan ahead when looking for a quality program. We pride ourselves on having an educated staff who have a love for and commitment to young children. Also, we work hard at creating quality interactive environments, both in the classroom and outside. We follow standards set by following evaluative and assessment tools: Environmental Rating Scale; Desired Results; Classroom Assessment System; and Ages and Stages.

Thank you to those where able to support the "Friends of the Children's Center Campaign". The wonderful donations that came in and continue to come raised \$24,585. The generosity has enabled us to sustain our important ministry of serving and providing the best of care to families.

It is never to late to make a difference in a child's life. All donations are tax deductible. You or someone you know can still give a one time gift or become a monthly supporter safe and securely through the donation button on our website at www.agumcc.org at "Friends of the Children's Center" link.

BIBLE STORY TIME

This month the story is "The Children", from the Beginning Bible, **Matthew 19:13-15**. Our "Fruit of the Spirit" teaching is "Love".

Bible Verse: **As I have loved you, so you must love one another.** John 13:34



Dates to Remember

Friday, February 5- Staff Development and School Spirit Day. Wear your school T-shirt to show your school spirit. **School will be CLOSED at 3:30 pm** on this day.

Monday, February 15- **PRESIDENT'S DAY.** School will be **closed.**

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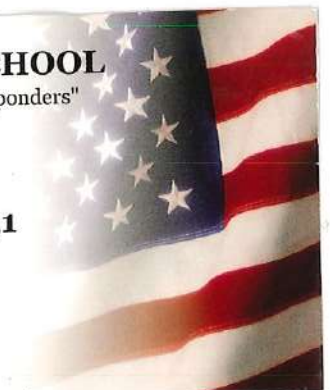
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Ms. Andrea and Ms. Rebecca's Pre-K Class

Hello PreK Families! We rang in the New Year with much excitement about the calendar year switching from 2020 to 2021. Some children didn't want to see the year change, but I'm sure, as adults, you are as happy to move forward, as Ms. Rebecca and I are!



The children have been fascinated by one of God's greatest creations...the human body. They have had many wonderful questions about how our skeleton moves, how we learn to spell our names and count, and how the blood flows through our veins, which they were amazed to see by looking at their wrists and finding their heartbeats in their chests. They have been retelling the analogy of our brain acting as the control panel in a car, steering our bodies and sending signals to our muscles and nerves to make words and allow us to run and play. They are also discussing how they need to eat proteins to feed their brains so they can continue to learn new things. In February we will continue to explore systems of the body as the questions arise from the children.

I'm sad to say we will not be able to celebrate Friendship and Valentine's Day with a valentine exchange the way we have in the past. However, to make it a celebration, we will be having "Fancy Day" on **Thursday, Feb 11th** where everyone can wear their fanciest clothes (that you are willing to send them in to school...please account for paint and marker usage) in reds, pinks, purples and whites to be festive for the occasion. Ms. Rebecca and I will coordinate some "Fancy Day" games to make it feel like a party, even if it's not exactly like a traditional Friendship Day. We will also be sure to talk about LOVE and how we are all blessed to be loved by God in addition to our families and friends at school.

~Ms. Andrea

Ms. Swati and Ms. Elizabeth's Preschool Class

Happy February! Can you believe January is over and gone? The preschool class enjoyed celebrating the winter and the new year last month. This month we celebrate Love and Friendship. We begin exploring this with our bible story of Jesus and the children from Matthew 19:13-15. Here we reflect on God's love for all his children and we can show that same love for each other. This is further explored with our celebration of Valentine's Day in the class where we talk of love in friendships and love in our home.

Last month we learned about the colors black and white. This month we will revisit some colors with a focus on the primary colors. The children have already done so much work mixing colors this year (orange, purple, green). We encourage you to talk with your children about the colors and what they did to make them. February also begins a discussion on recycling to show love for our environment. We will practice

sorting materials and talking about what things are made of.

We have a valentines celebration planned but we are unsure of the final stages of it because of Covid-19 restrictions. In years passed we enjoyed a brunch with our families but unfortunately the school is still closed to outside visitors. Look for updates on child pilot in regards to the Valentines Day party. I want to make sure all children can enjoy festivities so our celebration will be on February 10th when all children are scheduled for that day. I am open to suggestions on how to celebrate this fun holiday. This has been unusual times and we appreciate everyone's flexibility. Thank you to all the families for trusting us with this world's greatest treasure, our children. In love, light and learning

~Ms. Elizabeth Ann Key

Ms. Shirley and Mrs. Cindy Bo's Toddler Class

Well, here we are entering the second month of a new year and things are still quite different than they used to be. With all that has taken place in 2020, and already in 2021, Miss Shirley and I are so thankful that we have been able to spend time with your children and to have seen God's provision and experienced His perfect peace through it all.

It has been exciting to see the many ways this group of toddlers have grown. Several have increased their vocabulary and their use of language and have learned helpful communication skills. We've also seen growth in their social interactions as we see them show curiosity about what others are doing and forming special relationships.

In January, the children showed a lot of interest in dramatic play activities such as preparing meals for each other or taking care of each other in role play as doctor and patient. They all participated in dancing and moving to "Stop & Go", stopping and starting their movements with the music. They painted with yarn, explored shredded paper and grass seed in their sensory bins, built a number of block structures, discovered different ways to use manipulative materials and explore with flash lights. We had lots of fun together.



We will miss having a "Friendship Party" this month but will spend time reminding the children of the special friends they have here at school and the special love of family members. We will continue to provide activities and plan group experiences that are based on the children's interests to maximize their joy in learning. Love to all.

~Ms. Cindy Bo

LOVE is something that we cannot touch but we can express and experience in our interactions with God and others. At school, we are learning to grow friendships with one another through loving actions and words.