

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message From Ms. Maddy

Thank you to all the families that will be staying with us for the 2021-2022 Session that starts Tuesday, July 6, 2021. **We still have openings in our Preschool and Pre K Classes** for this 2020-2021 session and moving forward to our next session in July. If you know someone who desires and needs quality child care, please tell them about us. Children who enroll now will be ensured a spot in the next session beginning in July.



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NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK IS MAY 3-7, 2021.

If you and your child would like to complete the attached THANK YOU NOTE, I will be making THANK YOU booklets for each staff member. (If there is parent or parents that would like to help with this special project, let me know. I will have a collection box outside on the circle table for you to drop off your THANK YOU NOTE(s). If you need more copies of the attached THANK YOU, there will be extra's in the collection box as well. Please, return your THANK YOU(s) by May 6, 2021.

Thank you to those who came to help at our Beautification Day: John Diaz, Clara Cobb, Aysia and John Gonzalez, Jason Lienhard, Ms. Mary, Cindy Bo, and Ms. Elizabeth. The gardens are looking great, with everyone's help. We have tomatoes, beans, strawberry's, squash, and beautiful flowers blooming, and growing.

Thank you to our May

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Dates to remember

- May 3-7: Teacher Appreciation Week
- Sunday, May 9 - Mother's Day!
- Monday, May 31 - School is Closed for Memorial Day
- Thursday, June 24- Last Day of School Special Schedule:
 - Toddlers pick up time -12:00
 - Preschool pick up time—12:30
 - Pre K Promotion—1:00
- Friday, June 25- School is Closed for Staff Development.
- June 28-July 2—School is Closed for Summer Break
- Monday, July 5—School Closed for Independence Day
- Tuesday, July 6- First Day of School for 2021-2022

BIBLE STORY TIME



Children will hear the story of "Hannah's Prayer", from 1 Samuel 1 & 2, in the Beginning Bible. "Fruit of the Spirit" teaching is on "Patience". The "Bible Verse" is ...Be Patient bearing with one another in love.
Ephesians 4:2

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

Hello PreK Families! May is here and there are only eight more weeks of PreK left! The time has certainly flown by! We are hearing from some of you that your children are already either attending or scheduled to attend their Kindergarten Round-Up at their future elementary school. We are amazed to hear the time for this has already arrived.

Ms. Andrea and I enjoyed meeting with all of you for conferences and hope you enjoyed it as well. The school year finally felt a little bit back to normal by meeting with you indoors instead of outside or via Zoom, like we did in the fall.

We will be finishing up our Zoo Phonics letters this month. The children are counting down the weeks until we reach Zz. We will also do some lessons on which objects sink versus which objects float. We will continue to learn about the holidays we celebrate in the United States, including some special attention to Mother's Day, which is around the corner. And we will introduce our moral teaching for the month, which is one we all continue to work on, and that's patience.

We will begin thinking about what graduation will look like this year, so keep an eye on your Child Pilot messages for the latest information. Until then, enjoy the spring weather and we look forward to enjoying what's left of the school year and watching your children blossom like the May flowers!
~Ms. Rebecca

Ms. Swati and Ms. Elizabeth's Preschool Class

We can almost feel Summer...can you believe it's already May? I would like to start with an extra special CONGRATULATIONS to the Papa family who welcomed a new baby girl last month on April 11th. We know Cian will be an amazing big brother.

We have already started looking to the next school year beginning in July as we plan our classroom activities. Thank you to all the families who registered for another exciting year at AGUMCC. Our Preschool will be advancing to PreK will Ms. Andrea and Ms. Rebecca.

This month we sadly say goodbye to Avery Morrow, Greyson Martin, and Dylan Jensen who will be leaving our program. We wish our friends well in our daily prayers.

In April we planted pumpkins seeds in soil and flower seeds in baggies. We eagerly await our plants growing to seedlings and flowering this month.

The children have also shown special interest in bugs, especially as our wall of flowers in the backyard blooms and attracts caterpillars. We will be reviewing the life cycle of the butterfly this month. Ask your children about the life cycle of the tree that they worked on last month. We have made several connections between the two. The children have inquisitive scientific minds and are interested in our natural world. As the weather changes we will try to go on more walks together as a class.

Although last month didn't bring much rain, always be prepared for the varying weather on the central coast. Some days may start out overcast and end warm, so please make sure your child has an extra change of clothes and layers for the day. We are working especially hard on putting our jackets on all by ourselves, starting with turning the sleeves right side in. Practice with your child at home and you will see how proud they are to do it all by themselves. Thank you to all of our families for entrusting us with the care and education of your children.
In love, light and learning.

~Miss Elizabeth Ann Key

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



Spring is here in full bloom and the children have been noticing the changes outside. They have followed the life cycle of the butterfly in the backyard and watched the beans we planted get bigger and bigger. The children especially enjoyed watering the plants every day.

In April quite a few of the children were excited to learn how to pedal the trikes around the courtyard. They were very persistent and practiced day after day and are now peddling without any help. They also enjoyed using soil in their sensory bins, scooping, and feeling it go through their hands. They watched the soil go through the spaces of the strawberry baskets and even used the baskets to "plant" silk flowers. The snail habitat was another topic of interest for the children this past month. They watched the snails crawl up and down the walls of their home and eagerly encouraged their friends to come over and see as well. Their language skills are growing daily as they converse with each other and us.

In May we will be celebrating "Mothers" and how special they are. We will be enjoying the warmer weather and talk about spring. The Joy of the Lord is certainly evident in our classroom as the children have learned that "God's not dead, no He is alive!" which we will continue to sing about in the month ahead! Happy Mother's Day!

~Ms. Shirley