

# Children's Center Chronicle

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## Message from Maddy

**Summer is here!!** Bring your hat, sunglasses, sun screen and a comfortable pair of shoes. Flip flops are not considered safe shoes for school because they can cause children to slip and fall during active play. In the days and months ahead there will be opportunities for water play, so please check your child's cubby and make sure an extra change of clothes is available. Chances are, if your child does not have a change of clothing, when needed, you will get a call to bring a change of clothing as soon as possible. *which may not be convenient.*

**Family Surveys have gone out.** Please return your survey by Tuesday, **June 18.** The surveys provide us with information regarding what you, our families, think about our program and how we can improve it. I look forward to reviewing the survey feedback and sharing the information with you in the July newsletter.

**Mark your calendar for Thursday, June 24th.** It will be a very busy day! On this day we will have a **Staggered Pick Up Schedule:** 12:00 pm Toddlers, 12:30 for Preschool, and 1:00 for Pre K. Also on this day, the Pre K children will be honored with a Graduation Ceremony at 1:00. Each child can have two adults and their siblings present for this special event.

**"Visiting Days" June 21-24** -Currently enrolled children will visit their new classrooms during this week from 9 -10am , in preparation for the new school year that will start Tuesday, July 6, 2021.

**Summer Break is June 28 - July 2, along with July 5,** in honor of Independence Day. Mark your calendar for this week the **school will be closed.** Please check the **"Dates to Remember"** box below to note other special events and school closure dates.

Thank you to the many families in our program that have shared with other families about our wonderful program and teachers. **We still have openings in the Preschool Class** for our upcoming session to start July 7, 2021. If you know of someone needing or wanting quality childcare, please let them know about our program. The word of mouth is the best advertisement . We pride ourselves on offering a low child to teacher ratio and an educated staff that loves teaching and caring for children.

### AGUMCC Staff Wish List

- ◆ Gallon jugs of Water
  - ◆ 5 oz drink cups
  - ◆ Outdoor Clock
- ◆ Sanitizing Wipes
- ◆ Case of Wipes
- ◆ Gallon of Bubbles

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday, June 4- **STAFF DEVELOPMENT** School closes at 3:30
- Thursday, June 10 - **FAMILY SURVEYS ARE DUE**
- 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
- Sunday, June 20-**Fathers Day**
- 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**

### BIBLE STORY TIME

We will read in the Beginning Bible. "Mary and Martha", Luke 10:38-42, Our "Fruit of the Spirit" teaching is "Self Control".

The bible verse is "For the grace of God...teaches us ... to live self-controlled, upright and godly live." Titus 2:11-12

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

Hello PreK Families! We are in the home stretch of the 2020-2021 school year and the children can't stop talking about their upcoming adventures in kindergarten. While there is some trepidation and a bit of nervousness, most of the conversations are filled with excitement and wonder about what it will be like at their new schools.

This past month the children enjoyed making their own playdoh in their sensory bins and using cookie cutters, rolling pins and other playdoh tools to transform the ball of doh into many shapes, animals, and food items. They also enjoyed exploring our science themes that included the solar system, constellations, and various animal habitats, such as the rain forest, deserts, and oceans. Their block structures are getting more and more elaborate, especially as they work together to combine ideas. Plus their games of chase on the playgrounds are more sophisticated as they develop plot lines that involve a time warps that occur as they enter and exit the tunnel on the structure, and the ever popular, jaguar babies.

For the remainder of the school year, we will continue to review the ZooPhonics letters, their sounds, and how to write them so the information is fully grounded in their minds before summer begins. We will also continue to practice writing first and last names, so they are fully legible, as well as writing numbers. Overall, we will spend as much time as we can enjoying each other's company before we go our separate ways and begin new adventures in kindergarten.

Ms. Rebecca and I will truly miss this class of children, however, we both believe they are all very prepared and will continue to grow and thrive in elementary school! Thank you, on behalf of all the teachers, for lending us your children and entrusting them with us for not only this year, but for some, several years of their early childhood. We are grateful for the experience and each child will forever hold a special place in our hearts!

~Ms. Andrea

**Ms. Elizabeth and Ms. Swati's Preschool Class**

We welcome the Summer of 2021 with open arms! Bright sunny days and some extra time with our families are always cherished! What an amazing year it has been in Preschool! We started the school year bravely facing new changes and now we are getting ready for Pre-K! Thank you to all the amazing families for treating Ms. Swati and I to caring wonderful gifts of cards, special notes and flowers for Teacher Appreciation Week. I have read the notes several times and they make my heart soar. Thank you for trusting us with your precious children. It has been a special honor.

Last month we had so much fun planting flowers for our Moms and Grandmas. We saw our garden grow as the pumpkin plants sprouted and the tomato plants shot up. We also became little paleontologists with our exploration of fossils. We all became rockhounds learning about many different types of rocks and semi precious stones. The hands-on examples in the class were a big hit as

many of the children love rocks and small treasures. They may have found a new hobby or future profession.

This month we begin gearing up for Preschool moving up to Pre-K with Ms. Rebecca and Ms. Andrea. They will begin with a week of welcome where our students will visit the Pre-K class to familiarize themselves with the room and the routine. Our summer break is from June 28th until July 2nd with us returning to school on July 6th, and moving up to the new class. June 24th is a minimum day and June 25th is closed for staff development.



During this last month in preschool we have a few fun projects planned. The children have worked all year on color mixing and we want to practice that skill with making tie-dye shirts. Please send a new washed white shirt with your child to school as soon as possible for our fun end of the year activity. We will also be doing a fun project for Father's Day. Lastly, we will be bringing home some of our gardening projects we worked on this year. It has been an amazing year and we look forward to many more days of fun. In love, light and learning

~Miss Elizabeth Ann Key

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

Well, the Toddler group seems to be growing and learning more and more every day. It has been so exciting to see them develop physically by peddling trikes, climbing to new heights on the climbing structures and trying out new dance moves. They have grown socially and emotionally as they've learned to problem solve, work out their conflicts and take turns. How sweet it is to see them hug each other, create something together, help each other up when they fall, or request the help of a friend. We are hearing them use their developing language skills to communicate their needs and interests. Many know how to say "More please", in sign language, when they want more water and are starting to respond to others saying "I'm using it" and "When I'm done" when someone asks for a turn. It is a joy to witness them offering a desired item to another child when they have finished using it, and then to hear a "Thank you" in response. We will continue to work with them on these developing skills as we provide play opportunities directed by their interests. There continues to be a great focus on the lizards, bugs and birds being discovered in our play yards.

This is our last month with our older toddlers/3 year old's, who will be transitioning to our preschool class in July. We know they are ready and prepared for the new experiences and challenges that lie ahead. We look forward to welcoming some new little ones to our group and are confident that those continuing with us will help them adjust to routines and feel welcome in our classroom. Finally, Congratulations to Jax, his mom, Ingrid and dad, Rawley, on the birth of his new baby brother, Liam Grant Hermreck who was born on May 4th, at 7lbs, 5 oz, and 20 inches.

We are blessed!

~Ms. Cindy Bo