

# Children's Center Chronicle

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center [www.worshipweekly.com](http://www.worshipweekly.com) November 2021

## Message from Ms. Maddy:



Each year our school has a **Community Service Project** called "PENNIES FOR TURKEYS". This project helps bring awareness to the needs of others. *Return your pennies and spare change in a zip-lock bag.* Then placed it in the "Pennies For Turkeys Collection Jar located in your child's classroom. The money raised will be given to the "Five Cities Christian Women's Food Pantry". They, in turn, will buy turkeys for families in need this holiday season. This is a great way to help others by simply donating your pennies and spare change. Watch and wait to see how Pennies can make a difference in our community. We have raised \$3,901.53 since the beginning of this project in 2008. Our goal this year is to raise \$200. *Did you know that for every \$1 donated it equals \$10 at the food bank.* Help us make a difference in our community by supporting this special project.

**Fall 2021 Family Survey went out in October.** The information you provided will let us know more about you and your child's experience here at AGUMCC. Your suggestions are very helpful. Your suggestions will help us to 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.

We are having a virtual "Yum-Raiser" by selling *See's Candy for the Holidays*. You can also share this fundraiser with others via our Web site or our Facebook page. This Fundraiser will help us to purchase needed supplies for our program. You can start placing your orders on line November 15th through December 3rd. Your orders will be shipped directly to you. Orders that are over \$65 are shipped for free otherwise there is a small shipping fee.

We are so excited with the new Community Care Licensing Guidelines that allows families to come into their child's classroom. It's a joy for us to have you visit and see your child's classroom once again.

## Bible Story Time

"Daniel and the Lions", from the Beginning Bible, Daniel 6:10-28.

## 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; that the children practice daily.*

## **Friends of the Children's Center CAMPAIGN.**

Make a difference in a child's life with a "Year End Gift" or Monthly Pledge  
Your tax deductible contribution can secure the future of the AGUMCC program.

### Give two ways:

Safe and Easy on line at  
<https://worshipweekly.com/giving.html>

Or mail to: AGUMCC  
275 N Halcyon Rd. Arroyo Grand, CA 93420

## Mark Your Calendar

**Friday, Nov. 5 - Staff Development SCHOOL IS CLOSED AT 3:30.**

It's SPIRIT DAY too! So wear your AGUMCC t-shirt!

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

**Wednesday, Nov. 24 - "SCHOOL IS CLOSED AT 12:00.**

**Thursday & Friday, November 25 & 26 - SCHOOL IS CLOSED for Thanksgiving Break.**



## HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!

### Rebecca and Ms. Andrea's TK

Hi TK Families,

October was a fun month filled with pumpkins, gourds, spiders, and bats to prepare for fall. We painted pumpkins and even cut them open to count the seeds. We also made some glittery spiderwebs by painting with golf balls. For the week of the letter Ii, we painted with ice cubes. We learned that triangles come in all different shapes and sizes, but they always have 3 sides and points. During calendar time the children counted the days until Halloween each with great enthusiasm.

For November we will learn the sounds and how to write the letters Jj, Kk, and Ll. We will also be reviewing Faithfulness as we read the story of Daniel and the Lions. We will continue to review our shapes with a focus on the rhombus, or more commonly, the diamond. And we will read books and learn about acorns. Most importantly, we will discuss the many things we are thankful for in our classroom. We look forward to seeing what else November brings!

Ms. Rebecca and I are both very grateful for all of your support and involvement and wish you a safe and happy Thanksgiving Holiday!

~Ms. Andrea

### Ms. Swati and Ms. Elizabeth's Preschool

November is here!! The children have learned so much in the time they have been at school. They are practicing to take care of their own needs such as cleaning up after themselves after snack and lunch. They are also very proud to show their 'bubble glove' (soap lather) to their peers and teachers while washing hands and successfully. With each day that passes, we expect to see more and more independence!

This month we will be working on a variety of art projects like: handprint turkeys, place-mats, and collage art. The children will continue to practice their cutting skills, learning to recognize letters and numbers, and have fun mixing colors to form new colors. At group time the children are learning how to spell their own name and the names of other children as they pick their jobs for the classroom job chart.

Children are showing great interest in pumpkins and leaves. They are excited to pretend they are in a pumpkin patch in the dramatic play area. Outside in the garden they get so

tickled when they spot a lizard crawling on the rocks or the ledge. Children are digging in the sand box and burying "treasure", such as dinosaurs, alphabets and other small sand toys. They are also pretending to be dinosaurs and making the roaring sounds as they chase each other on the yard. In the courtyard they are having fun taking turns sitting in the wagon while another child pulls the wagon. They are also problem solving by figuring out how to move the wagon when it gets stuck in the rocks.

This is a month of Giving. We will be talking a lot about families and being thankful. We are thankful for all the things that God has given us and blessed to have families from a variety of cultures at our school. Ms. Elizabeth and I wish you and your family a very happy and healthy Thanksgiving this year!

~Ms. Swati



### Ms. Cindy Bo and Ms. Shirley's Toddlers

Fall is here and our classroom is in full gear for this holiday season. In October the children enjoyed holding pumpkins and gourds in the classroom environment. We sang songs about pumpkins, leaves, apples, and farm animals to ring in autumn. We also talked about harvesting crops on the farm during the fall season. We also read the Pumpkin Gospel which teaches us that "the slime that fills the pumpkin, all stringy, slippy goo, reminds us of our insides before God makes us new." We had a basket of horses, along with other farm animals on our shelf, which the children enjoyed dancing with during music and movement time.

In November we will talk about Thankfulness and all the many things we are thankful for. We are excited to see what your children are interested in this month as we plan our activities around your precious little ones. We are so very thankful for all our families and the children and wish all of you a very happy and safe Thanksgiving Holiday with your families. Blessings to all of you!

~Ms. Shirley