

# Children's Center Chronicle

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## Message from Ms. Maddy

Spring is coming, and it's time to renew our gardens. Children will be very involved in this process by cultivating the ground, bringing plants to plant, and watching them grow. *The gardens are an essential part of our learning experience here at AGUMCC.* The children learn to care for and appreciate the wonders of life and the delicate balance of nature. The garden also provides science, at its best, with the budding of foliage, the buzzing of insects, the blooming of flowers, and the harvesting of fruits and vegetables. New plants are always a great addition to our play yards. Please check with your child's teacher to find out when his/her class will have a special planting day in what non-toxic plant your child can bring to plant at school.

**WORKDAY, Saturday, March 26th.** We will need help to add new woodchips to the backyard. There will be a sign-up for volunteers.

**It's Enrollment time!!** Current families can register for our next session, which starts July 5, 2022. Registration is \$150 per student and is due by Friday, March 11th. If you have a second child on our "Waiting List", ask me for an additional "Registration Form". As a current family member, you will be able to register him/her also at this time. I will contact families not currently enrolled and on our "Waiting List" starting April 1. Most of our new families start with us in the toddler groups. A few families will join us in the preschool and TK groups. We look forward to welcoming new families to our program.

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

**Effect July 1, 2022, there will be a Tuition Increase.** The increase will help keep AGUMCC open to manage the rising cost of supplies, utilities, and provide a cost-of-living increase for our great staff.

**March is Parent/Teacher Conference time.** Conferences provide an excellent opportunity for teachers and families to spend about 30 minutes sharing information about your child's growth and development since the fall. It is also a time to review goals and reflect on achievements and set new goals to work towards.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE IMPORTANT UP COMING EVENTS

#### \* ENROLLMENT TIME & FAMILY CONFERENCE TIME\*

##### March

- Friday, March 4- Staff Development and Spirit Day. Wear your school T-shirt to show your school spirit. There is no "Extended Care" on this Day. School Closes at 3:30 PM.
- Friday, March 11 - REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR CURRENT FAMILIES.
- Saturday, March 26 -"WORK DAY" We will be getting new woodchips for the backyard. 9:00 - 12:00 noon.

##### April

- Wednesday, April 13th- This is a MINIMUM DAY. School is closed at noon.
- Thurs. & Fri., April 14 & 15 - School is closed for Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

Thank you to our March  
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**Robert Underwood**

*Founding Paster of the Arroyo Grande  
United Children's Center that opened in  
July of 2005.*

### BIBLE STORY TIME

**Bible Story** from the Beginning Bible is:  
"The Good Samaritan", Luke 10:30-35,

**Fruit of the Spirit** teaching is "Gentleness".

**Bible Verse:** "Let your gentleness be known to all" (Phil. 4:5)

**Song:** "Be care little hands"

At school, children are often reminded the importance of being gentle with things and each other.

March is the time to register your child for the next school year;

**July 5, 2022 - June 23, 2023.**

Registration Information went out in February. Friday, March 11th, is the deadline, for current families to register.

**"Waiting List"** families can register, in April. Open Enrollment is in May.

they are working on. This is a great time to meet with your child's teacher, and it is important for us to meet your child's individual needs. The assessments have been done through March, and conferences will be the 3rd and 4th weeks of March. Look to Child Pilot and in your child's classroom for updates. We will have a signup sheet available with dates and times to meet. We will be offering two options: an in-person conference or a zoom meeting that will last about 20 minutes. We look forward to meeting with you. Thank you for all of your patience and understanding. In light, love, and learning ~ Miss Elizabeth Ann Key

### TK Class

It's March. That means Parent/teacher conferences are upon us. We have been working on assessments with the children during February in preparation. **BE ON THE LOOKOUT!** We will put out sign-up sheets for you to sign up for conferences.

This month we will be working on the letters Uu for UMBER the Umbrella Birds, Vv for Vincent the Vampire Bat, and Ww for Willie the Weasel. Don't forget to ask your child to show you the signals or ask your child what the name is for the Zoo Phonics animal associated with the letter. Finally, we will be working on the curriculum of "Meet the Masters." This means we will introduce a different art master to the children through books and art projects. Meet the Masters is one of my favorite subjects to teach and share with the children. ~ Ms. Rebecca

### Preschool's Class

Welcome, Springtime! This month marks 2 years since all our lives were changed by the coronavirus and living the "new norm." I want to thank all of our preschool families for being so understanding with our more recent closures. We know it has been daunting trying to adjust our schedules, but we are happy to keep our school healthy and open.



This month we look forward to new beginnings with our celebration of springtime, which focuses on plants and flowers. This is my favorite time of the year when the children plant seeds, explore plant life cycles, and learn what a plant needs to grow. March is also parent/teacher conferences where we get the opportunity to meet with you and discuss all of your child's growth. Here we will compare Fall conferences, the areas your child has mastered, and areas

### Toddler's Class

Spring is in the air, as we are all aware. The weather will be changing, and the time will spring forward so will our classroom. February brought a lot of heart-filled fun as the children used hearts to decorate the room. Some hearts they even sat or jumped on. Goodie Bear talked to us about loving one another as God loves us. Friendship was a topic we discussed as we bonded together in love. Friendships are evident in the classroom, especially when the day begins and their friends come in the door. They will stop to announce each child as they arrive. Such as "Ario's here." Or when a teacher comes in, they will greet them with a warm welcome and hug. They enjoy playing together in groups interacting with each other. Such as putting cars down ramps, tunnels, or sunshine mountain.

As you can see, February was very busy. I'm sure March will be just as exciting and busy too. In March, we look forward to spring as we will be watching things grow and develop. Cindy Bo and I are excited to show you what your child is doing now as we get ready for conferences this month. Sign-Ups will be available in the classrooms. We look forward to meeting with each of you. On March 13<sup>th</sup>, it will be daylight savings time. Don't forget to spring your clocks forward.

Blessings to everyone, ~ Ms. Shirley

### AGUMCC Wish List

- Bird Seed for our Bird Feeder
- 100% natural grass seed for sensory tub play
  - Small planting pots
  - Bubbles