

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message from Ms. Maddy

Thank you to our families for choosing AGUMCC for their child's early childhood education and care. Thank you to the staff for their dedication to our program and for the love they give to the children daily. Also, I greatly appreciate all the continued support from the First United Methodist Church members to help keep our wonderful school open for our 17th year! We opened on July 21, 2005, as a Christian ministry to serve the community. We are grateful we are still going strong despite the challenges we faced in light of the recent pandemic. The good Lord has truly blessed this children's center, and we are incredibly thankful for all the families who have trusted us with their children's care and education over the years.

It will soon be Autumn and everyone is getting back into a routine. We are looking forward to a great new school year. Thank you to our school families who have shared with others how happy they are with the quality of care and the low child-to-teacher ratio we offer. A satisfied family is our best advertisement.

We currently have openings in our Preschool Class. If you know of someone needing quality childcare, please tell them about our program and have them call to make an appointment for a tour. I give tours after 4 pm Mon. - Thurs. After a tour, they can either join our program or put their child on our "Waiting List" for our next enrollment opportunity.

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Bob Underwood

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Please contact Ms. Maddy

BIBLE STORY & GOODIE BEAR

Wed. Sept. 7 & Thurs. Sept. 8 at 9 in the Narthex

Our Bible Story from the Children's Beginning Bible is in Exodus 20.

It's a story of when Moses went to the mountain to get the 10 Commandments from God.

Our moral teaching is: "Be Respectful."

Let us be respectful to one another. There are many ways we can show respect. One is by following rules which can keep us safe. Another way is by using our manners and saying, "Please" and "Thank You." We can be respectful by listening when someone is talking. Also when you agree to disagree that is giving each other respect for each other opinions.



Ms. Andrea and Ms. Elvia TK Class

Hi TK Families,

August was a very busy time. The children worked on the letters Aa for Allie Alligator, Bb for Bubba Bear, and Cc for Catina Cat, along with various projects to prepare our assessments for Family/Teacher conferences, including a mini-Olympics in the backyard. We also wrote down ways that we could be trustworthy on leaves that were added to the big tree that Zachaeus climbed in our classroom. We have also been looking at different leaves with the magnifying glasses from the garden and the courtyard to see how they are different yet the same. The fuzzy ones from the geraniums have been the class favorite. The children also enjoy the construction area in dramatic play, which shares space with the block area. They are building with the tools and the blocks together. They are also having a good time constructing shapes and figures out of playdoh in the sensory bin this past month.

For September, Ms. Elvia and I will introduce the letters Dd, Ee, and Ff and finalize assessments so that we are ready and prepared for our meetings with you. The children will explore the differences and similarities between squares and rectangles in addition to mixing primary colors to make secondary colors. We will discuss ways to be respectful after hearing the Bible story about Moses and the Ten Commandments, plus we will also come up with some of our own classroom rules to follow. Overall, the children have enjoyed learning about one another and making new friends, including welcoming another new friend to the class. We look forward to meeting with all of you during conference time. Be on the lookout for sign-up sheets to schedule meeting appointments; until then, we wish you well.

~Ms. Andrea

Ms. Elizabeth and Ms. Swati Preschool Class

Happy September to all of our Preschool families! It has been an exciting start to the new school year, and time is flying by! As some older siblings return to school, we have become accustomed to our new class schedule. Thank you, especially to our parents, for helping your children develop an encouraging and meaningful drop-off routine. As they have become more comfortable at school, we have seen our friends have fewer tears and difficulties saying goodbye. We also greatly appreciate everyone's punctuality with arriving. It sets up a very successful day for your child. We had many staff schedule changes last month, and we appreciate your patience and understanding.

The children are beginning to explore the environment and centers, showing an increased interest in our dramatic play area environment. They have been working hard on taking turns and asking each other to play. With the success of last month's Square

Sculptures, we will build more 3D art projects individually and as a class. This month we will also focus on your child's Fall assessments and conferences. Thank you for returning the ASQ that was sent home; it helps us develop a more extensive understanding of your child's developmental abilities. We look forward to meeting with you and discussing their many successes. In addition, there are many ways you can help your child have the most successful and engaging day possible at school. We love to go on walks and run outside. Please have your child wear closed-toe shoes daily that are easy to run in. This helps with safety in the class in addition to encouraging fine motor and self-care skills of putting socks and shoes on.

We also get very thirsty from running and singing. Please send your child with a full water bottle every day. We will also fill your child's water as needed.

As breakfast is an integral part of a successful day, we recommend everyone wake early and enjoy this time together as a family. This month we will begin discussing nutrition and the different food groups. We encourage this dialogue at home. The children love talking about food, and we have found many ways to connect at lunch times. They enjoy making their own choices and feeling accomplished in opening their own containers and packages.

Thank you to our Preschool families for their support and for entrusting us with your children. Love, Light, and Learning, Miss Elizabeth Ann Key

Ms. Shirley and Ms. Cindy Bo's Toddlers

Fall is here already! The children are learning our classroom routines and settling in quite well.

In August, we learned about Zoo animals through songs, books, and play. They were able to choose a zoo animal and wash it in their sensory bin using a washcloth, sponges, and scrubbers. The children notice all the monkeys hanging about the room. There also spent time counting how many there were.

Another fun activity was climbing in and out of the boxes. The children even asked if we would bring the boxes inside the classroom. The children did many gross motor activities inside and outside the classroom. They walked and balanced on steps and step stools as they made obstacle courses.

In September, they will learn about Fall. The weather will be cooling down. Please remember to send a sweater or jacket daily. Conferences will be this month, and we will have a Sign-Up Sheet in the classroom for you. Cindy Bo and I look forward to this time as we get to talk with you about your precious child and get to know you and your family better. As you can see, September will be another busy month. Blessings to your family, Ms. Shirley