

# Children's Center Chronicle

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## Message from Maddy

**Summer is here!!** Bring your hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, and comfortable shoes. Flip-flops are not considered safe shoes for school because they can cause children to slip and fall during active play. There will be opportunities for water play in the days and months ahead, so please check your child's cubby and make sure an extra change of clothes is available. 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*.

**The Spring Family Survey Results for 2023 are in.** All the families who participated in the survey were either very satisfied (80%) or satisfied (20%). 100% of families felt the program promoted their child's learning and development and were happy with the care they received. Some comments received were, "I really appreciate the toys and centers are rotated out to keep things fresh and that the kids get to do gardening." "We really appreciate all the teacher's kindness and patience. It made the adjustment much better, and we were confident in the care she received." "Very happy with all the staff and how they run this program with my kids. They love it here. I feel my kids are in great hands." Please see the attached copy to read more about the survey's outcome.

**Mark your calendar for Thursday, June 22nd.** It will be a very busy day! School closes at 12 to host a Promotion Program for all children. This event will be in the Sanctuary, and a Social in Criswell Hall will follow. Look for the Sign-Up Sheet to donate items for the social and help with set up or clean up. **"Visiting Days" June 19-22** -Children will visit their new classrooms from 9 -10 am in preparation for the new school year starting Wednesday, July 5, 2023.

**The school will be closed for Summer Break is June 26 to July 4, 2023.**

Thank you to the many families who have told others about our wonderful program. Word of mouth is the best advertisement. **We still have openings in the Preschool and TK Classes** to start our next session. If you know someone needing or wanting quality childcare, please tell them about our program. We pride ourselves on offering a low child-to-teacher ratio and an educated staff that loves teaching and caring for children.

## BIBLE STORY TIME

### & GOODIE BEAR

9:00 AM WED. JUNE 7TH & THURS.  
JUNE 8TH IN THE SANCTUARY.

Story: "**Mary and Martha**", Luke 10:38-42, "Fruit of the Spirit": is "**Self Control**".

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

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday, June 2- **STAFF DEVELOPMENT** School closes at 3:30
- Thursday, June 22- **Last Day of School**, school closes at noon.
- Sunday, June 18—**Fathers Day**
- Thursday, June 22—**Promotion Program at noon**
- Friday, June 23- **School is Closed** for Staff Development.
- June 26—July 4—**School is Closed for Summer Break**
- Tuesday, July 4—**Independence Day**
- Wednesday, July 5- **First Day of School for 2023-2024**

## AGUMCC Staff Wish List

- ◆ Gallon jugs of Water
- ◆ Gallon bottles of Bubbles
- ◆ 5 oz drinking cups

## Thank You to our June

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**Ms. Elvia's and Ms. Andrea's TK**

First, I hope everyone had a wonderful Mother's Day! As the word "MOM" upside down spells the word, "WOW," in which all of you mothers are truly amazing! During May, the children have been learning about the lifecycle of butterflies and the parts of a butterfly. Ask your children about the four stages of the butterfly cycle. In connection with that, the children created their own hungry caterpillars, and we hung them from the ceiling. Children also learned about the life cycle of plants and the parts of the plants, and how many plants give us fruits and vegetables. Moreover, children have been enjoying the various areas in the classroom, such as the sensory bin, which had water, frogs, rock gems, and lily pads. The children had fun with it and worked on their number counting using (one-to-one correspondence) by counting the frogs and gems. Children also engaged in the science area, working with the frog, bee, and butterfly life cycles. The children enjoy the various puzzles and the "Magkinder Connector Blocks" in the manipulative area. they made various things using the connector blocks that the children called "balls, baby craters, and birds." Children in the block area enjoy the plastic Community People and the cars. Outside, the children liked to turn over the stumps to find slugs. They also liked touching the slugs and would say, "It feels slimy." Also, they observed snails in the habitat in the courtyard. They spent time noticing different insects and bugs during their outside time.

In June, we will be learning about seashells/ the ocean. The bible story and Goody Bear will focus on "Self- Control" and the story of "Mary and Martha." We will review numbers, shapes, and letters, such as number recognition and writing out the numbers, identifying shapes and sides/ corners, identifying letters/sounds, and writing the letters. We will also practice our Promotion songs to celebrate this special day for all the TK children transitioning to kindergarten. The Promotion Program is on June 22. How exciting!  
~ Ms. Elvia

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

This month we are getting ready for a big Promotion celebration. Children have been practicing songs for Graduation. We have discussed the upcoming changes where children will transition into Ms. Elvia's classroom. During the welcome week, children will visit the new classroom and familiarize themselves with the new environment. We are working on alphabet, shape, color, and number review. I want to thank all the families for spoiling us with wonderful gifts, cards, plants, and special

notes for Teacher Appreciation Week. It made my heart melt, and I felt greatly appreciated. Ms. Elizabeth will be coming to help with the tie-dye shirts that the children will wear at graduation.

It has been an amazing year. I can't believe that school is ending soon. All the children are unique and ready to explore the TK program. Some of the children will move to Transitional kindergarten with the district. I have enjoyed and cherished each one of them. I want to thank all the families for their support in every which way. I also want to wish all the dads, grandpas, and uncles **A ROCKING FATHER's DAY!!** "Dads are every child's first superhero in disguise." ~ Ms. Swati

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



We hope everyone had a wonderful Memorial Day weekend and look forward to our last month together. Our Toddler class had so much fun during the month of May. The science in nature was abundant. The children chased lizards and discovered bugs hiding around the yards. They watched as a dove made her nest in the beams above the sandbox and continued observing the butterfly's life cycle on the vines in the backyard. We also planted some vegetables in the garden, explored worms in our sensory tubs, and collected snails for our snail habitat. We will keep things simple and continue to follow the children's lead as we share this month of June and summer fun together.

It is hard to believe that the school year is coming to an end. Miss Shirley and I have truly enjoyed your children's unique personalities, forming special bonds with them and growing closer to all of you and their families. We will have a hard time letting go, yet know they are ready to move on to this next phase of their school journey. It is amazing to think of the growth and development we have witnessed this past year or two. Most of our toddler group will transition to the preschool classroom in July. Stella Banks and Finnley Huber-Galvin will join their older siblings at their schools. We will miss both of them and their families and pray for God's best for their futures. For those who will continue at AGUMCC, it is always a joy to offer a hug in passing or visit with them from the Courtyard window. The toddlers have also formed special friendships, and visiting their new class and teachers during the "Week of Welcome" will surely make their transition smooth.

Thank you all for the privilege of partnering with you in your child's care and learning.

~Many blessings! Cindy Bo