

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message from Ms. Maddy:

Great News!! We have hired a new Preschool Teacher. Her name is Elizabeth Delory. She likes to be called Ms. Liz. She will be observing and learning the routine of the Preschool class as well as other parts of our very busy program the week of August 7th. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a Master's in Education. She has many years of experience and has worked with children in various settings, such as a Special Education Assistant, a Behavior Technician, and a Preschool Teacher.

We still have openings in our Preschool and TK Classes for children who can independently and successfully use the toilet. Preschoolers are 3 by September 1, and TK children are 4 by September 1. We pride ourselves on having an educated staff who love and commit to young children's development. We strive to create interactive environments to create a joy for learning both in the classroom and outside. Additionally, our TK program follows the guidelines the Department of Education set forth, designed to help children successfully enter Kindergarten.

Have you completed your child's "Family Board"? This wonderful activity bridges the relationship between school and home and helps our staff get to know your families better. Please let your child's teacher know if you have not yet received your collage poster board.



Do you know someone who would like to be our next months
"Friend's of the Children's Center Sponsor?"

Please contact Ms. Maddy
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AGUMCC WASH LIST

- * Baby Wipes
- * * Bird Seed
- * Salt and Flour
- * 1 Gallon jugs of drinking water
- * 5 oz drinking cups
- * Expo Dry Erase Markers
- * Washable Crayola Classic Markers
- * Washable Crayola Large Crayons
- Container of Bubbles
- * White and Green Cardstock
- * Elmers white glue in 4 oz bottles



GOODIE BEAR & BIBLE STORY

WED. & THURS. AUG. 3RD AND 4TH
AT 9:05 IN THE NARTHEX.

We will read **Luke 19: 1-10** from the Children's Beginning Bible. It's a story about **Zacchaeus** and how he learned to become **TRUSTWORTHY**.

Important Dates to Remember

Friday, August 4 **Staff Development**. School Spirit Day!
Wear your AGUMCC T-Shirt. **SCHOOL CLOSING AT 3:30**

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Monday, September 4- **SCHOOL IS CLOSED** for Labor Day.

Ms. Elvia TK Class

It has been a pleasure getting to know every one of this school year has started. Ms. Andrea and I have really enjoyed our first weeks of TK having a great time learning special things that are unique to your child. We hope the children are enjoying their new class as the "Big Kids," which they say. We look forward to getting to know each other more as the year progresses. As you all know Ms. Andrea has moved to be closer to family. We will miss her and wish her well.

Children explored and enjoyed the areas in the classroom, such as the manipulatives, blocks, library, science, math, and dramatic areas. We also introduced the class schedule, which is in the front of the class in picture form, colored their puzzle piece for our "class family puzzle, decorated their birthday candles for our birthday board, and colored their helping hands, which they will use for Daily Jobs.

Our theme is summer, Children painted ice cream cones during table work time, used watercolors to paint a starfish, and I asked the children, "Who had seen a starfish?" Children were interested in octopuses. We looked at pictures of octopuses and noticed how some are big or small. Also, children wondered what were the circles on their tentacles. Also, during table work, children are practicing tracing their names and various lines and the shape of the week. During second group, children dance and move using their creative movements during music and movement, which they enjoy. We have also been doing a "Feeling Check-In Activity. I am asking the children how they are feeling each day. The children choose a feeling from the Feeling Chart. I then ask why they feel that certain way.

In August, we will be introducing our ZooPhonics alphabets and numbers. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, we will introduce our "Share" time. Children can bring pictures, drawings from the internet, or a magazine corresponding to the week's letter. For example: A is for apple. Then your child can bring in a picture of an apple. I will laminate their picture and put it in our ABC Binder.

It was nice meeting the parents that came at the Orientation Night. Thank you for taking your valuable time! I look forward to getting to know you and your child and participating in their growth and development. ~ Ms. Elvia

Ms. Swati and Ms. Liz Preschool Class

Welcome Ms. Liz to our Preschool Class. We are excited that she will be joining us and look forward to meeting and getting to know her.

We have had a wonderful summer in the Preschool class. We welcome August as we "officially" return to school with our older siblings this month. Thank you to the families for being supportive and flexible in July as we adjust to a new classroom, routines, and friends. The children are getting accustomed to their new schedule and new expectations wonderfully. They have shown great pride in being in the "big kid" classroom. The Family Boards have been a big hit with our friends. The children delight in showing pictures of their loved ones to each other and comparing how we are alike and different. We appreciate the time each family's gives

to make their Family Board for their child.

Last month we focused on becoming comfortable with our classroom and teachers. We have learned all about circles and are noticing them everywhere! This month we will focus on ourselves and our families. We will draw pictures of our families and make adorable self-portraits as we continue to bridge the gap between home and school.

Please return the ASQ right away so we can get to know your child's development from your perspective. We will begin collecting data for your child's upcoming fall conference in September. Everyone has developed a great routine of dropping off their children in the morning and during pickup. Please make sure to check your child's folder for artwork and notices. In addition, please look in their cubby for any soiled clothing that may need to come home. Each child will need an extra pair of clothes to keep at school in case of accidents. Dressing your child in layers for their school day is also helpful. The weather can fluctuate from very cold in the morning to hot in the afternoon.

Thank you to the families who have helped with laundry and donating items to the school. It is greatly appreciated. We look forward to another exciting month with you and your children. In love and learning, Miss Swati

Ms. Shirley and Ms. Cindy Bo's Toddlers

Wow! July was a busy and fun month with many new toddlers joining our group. For many, it is also their first time in an early care setting. Everyone is now adjusting to our daily routines and becoming more confident as they engage in various activities and with each other. Sending your child to a new school can also be an adjustment for you. Miss Shirley and I hope you are feeling more and more comfortable leaving your child with us as you and your child develop a strong sense of safety and security while entrusting them into our care.

We have new a toddler joining our group this month. Her name is Lena. We welcome her and her family. This month, Lucah will be leaving our program. He has been the "Big Helper" in our classroom, as he was the one showing all the new children the ropes. We will dearly miss him and his family.

We have observed and noticed that your children showed a lot of interest in play vehicles, things that move (riding toys, push toys, pull toys, etc.), and music and movement activities. Therefore, we plan to have a curriculum focused on things that move and to make sure to include lots of songs and movement activities associated with these things. We will also continue to provide opportunities for all of us to get to know each other better. We already see children connecting with each other in special ways. It has been a joy to hear some of the children speak the names of others, offer an object to a friend they have learned is special to them, or offer a "Goodbye hug" to another as they leave.

We look forward to another fun month, and please let us know if you have any questions about your child's school experience. We truly enjoy building relationships with each of your unique and precious children.

~ Cindy Bo