

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message from Ms. Maddy:

Each year, our school has a **Community Service Project** called "PENNIES FOR TURKEYS." This project brings awareness to others needs. The children made containers to take home to collect spare change. Your child can bring their container to school more than once to add to their class "Pennies For Turkeys" Collection Jar. The last day for collecting donations is Friday, Nov 17th. 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. We have raised **\$4,438.62** since 2008. Our goal this year is to raise \$500. *Did you know that every \$1 donated equals \$10 at the food bank?* Please help us make a difference in our community by supporting this special project.



The **Fall 2023 Family Survey** will be going out. You can do it online or use the attached survey for your convenience. Please use whichever method works best for you. The information you provide let us know more about you and your child's experience at AGUMCC. Your suggestions are also beneficial in improving our program. We aim to offer children, families, and staff the best quality program. There is a question about your family's median income. This question is for grant writing purposes only.

We are having a virtual "Yum-Raiser" selling *See's Candy for the Holidays*. This fundraiser will help us purchase supplies and materials for our program. Visit our storefront online from November 6 through November 30, 2023. Orders will be shipped directly to you or any place you want. Orders over \$65 are shipped for FREE. Otherwise, there is a small shipping fee. To shop, visit site <https://www.agumcc.org> or our Facebook page. You also can use this QR code that you see here. →



Bible Story Time

"Daniel and the Lions", from the Beginning Bible, Daniel 6:10-28.
Wed. Nov. 1 and Thurs. Nov. 2 in the church narthex at 9:00 an,

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 is safe and easy.

Three ways to GIVE:

1. Visit: <https://www.agumcc.org> and use the GIVE NOW button.
2. Mail: AGUMCC 275 N Halcyon Rd. Arroyo Grand, CA 93420
3. Use this QR code with your smartphone camera.



Mark Your Calendar

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

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

Friday Nov. 3 & Saturday Nov. 4— Holiday Boutique from 9 am -1 pm.

Friday, Nov. 10 - SCHOOL IS CLOSED to observe Veterans Day.

Wednesday, Nov. 22 - " Is a MINIMUM DAY at SCOOOL. WE CLOSE AT 12:00.

Thursday & Friday, November 23 & 24 - SCHOOL IS CLOSED for Thanksgiving Break.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!

Ms. Elvia's TK Class

The children very much enjoyed the various fall arts, like painting an apple core, leaf rubbing, and a pumpkin construction tearing to create silly pumpkins, along with other pumpkin-themed activities we did in October. Culminated with the Pajama Day and Fall Party, which they were looking forward to. Thank you to all the families who donated items and time to make the party a big success! Also, thank you for providing pumpkins that we used for many activities. We did a pumpkin investigation, and the children measured how tall their pumpkin was by using unit cubes, counting the lines on their pumpkin, and what size their pumpkin was. In addition, we did a science experiment to see whether a pumpkin can float or sink. Moreover, we talked about the pumpkin life cycle and the parts of a pumpkin, and we watched a video called "Dissect a Pumpkin" by SciShow Kids and learned that a pumpkin is actually a fruit. Lastly, this month's focus was on Kindness, and in our TK class, children showed various acts of kindness and received a 'Kindness Card' every time they showed an act of Kindness.

We will continue our fall activities for November but move our focus from pumpkins to acorns. The sensory bin is now full of acorns, miniature squirrels, and orange, red, and yellow beads. We also have some hungry squirrels in the math area who need to be fed some acorns based on the number they have printed on their tummies. We also have alphabet acorns in the manipulatives area where the children match the uppercase letter with the lowercase letter. We will also spend our time talking about what we are thankful for as we get closer to Thanksgiving, along with the idea of faithfulness when we hear the story of Daniel and how he bravely let the king send him into the lion's den because he had faith that God would protect him. Those are the highlights of the month. We hope you and your family have a safe and happy Thanksgiving and want you to know that we are very grateful for each child and all the families in our class! ~Ms. Elvia

Ms. Swati and Ms. Liz's Preschoolers

November is here. The children have learned so much in the time they have been at school. They practice caring for their needs, such as cleaning up after themselves after lunch and snacks.



Also, they are encouraged to use scissors to cut open their food items during snack and lunch. They proudly show their bubble gloves (soap lather) to their peers and teachers while washing their hands. This month, we will work on various art projects like hand printing turkey place mats collage art. The children will continue to practice their cutting skills, learning to recognize numbers and letters. At group time, snack, and lunchtime, children are learning to spell their and other children's names as they pick up their jobs for the classroom job chart.

Children are showing great interest in pumpkins and leaves. They are excited to make pies, cookies, and coffee in the Diner in our dramatic play. They are learning healthy alternatives like salad and diversity through various foods in the dramatic area. They are excited to see lizards crawling on the ledge in the courtyard. Children pretend to be dinosaurs and make roaring sounds as they chase each other. Children make treasure maps to find the buried treasure in the sandbox. They are enjoying building an obstacle course and jumping around it. They are also having fun with easel art and watering the plants in the garden.

This month of Giving, we are talking about families with diverse cultures. Also, we are learning to be thankful for the things God has blessed us with. Ms. Liz and I wish all the preschool families a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving this year. ~Ms. Swati

Ms. Cindy Bo and Ms. Shirley's Toddlers

Fall is here, and November put us right into the holiday season. In October, the children continued to be interested in the pretend wild animal activities. So, we expanded their adventures for a few weeks, then slowly changed our classroom to represent farm and fall adventures.

A wooden barn was brought in with farm animals. This was an activity the children enjoyed in the backyard. So, we decided to bring it into the classrooms.

We had a lot of fun with pumpkins. Pumpkins and gourds were also brought in for the children to investigate with magnifying glasses, and we sang songs about pumpkins. The children also fingerpainted pumpkins for art. I read the Parable of a Pumpkin story. Then, the children helped clean the inside of the pumpkin. Then I carved it.

We sang "The Leaves Are Falling" as the children enjoyed throwing leaves on a tree.

"Star," the pony visited, and the children took pictures sitting on him. All the photos turned out so precious, and we hope you got to see and purchase the ones you wanted.

In November, we will talk about what we are thankful for as we get ready for Thanksgiving. Also we will look forward to "Pennies for Turkeys". This month the children will bring spare change to raise money to buy turkeys for families in need this holiday season. As we give thanks with a grateful heart, celebrating Thanksgiving with our loved ones. ~ Ms. Shirley

