

Children's Center Chronicle

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center

July 2008

Message from Ms. Maddy

Summer time has been very busy with new families joining our program and all the wonderful activities that are happening in the classrooms. The theme this summer is Trips and Travel. We are going to the beach, the zoo, and camping. So, bring a hat, sunglasses, a comfortable pair of shoes, and don't forget the sunscreen. I look forward to hearing all about the fun adventures the children take as they travel to their imaginary destinations in their classrooms.

We have two special announcements. First, I would like to welcome our new pastor, who comes to us from United Methodist Church in Ojai, California, where he was Senior Pastor. In addition, we want to wish the best for Pastor Bob on his retirement. Furthermore, I want to express my appreciation to Pastor Bob for bringing his vision of starting a preschool to this congregation. It was three and half years ago when the preschool opened its doors to embrace and enhance the lives of three young children. Currently, we have 40 children enrolled for the summer and 54 children enrolled for the fall. Pastor Bob has given wonderful support and guidance to myself and the program. We are going to miss his smile, his aura of enthusiasm, and his handy ways with tools. We would like to thank him for all his time and commitment to the program and to making it better for the children, staff, church and community. We love you Pastor Bob and we will miss you dearly!

Our second announcement is to welcome our new toddler teacher, Ms. Lori. She brings with her years of knowledge, education, enthusiasm, and a great love for children. Ms. Melissa is taking the summer off to be with her family and we look forward to her returning in the fall.



Theme for The Month

"Trips and Travel" will be our theme throughout the summer. The classes will be rotating themes from *Going to the Beach*, *Going to the Zoo*, and *Going Camping*. We hope you can share in the fun with your summer time vacation travel by bringing pictures and souvenirs

Important Dates to Remember

Wednesday, August 27 -School is out at 12:00

Families are invited to join staff for an **End of Summer Picnic/Pot Luck** at that time.

Thursday and Friday, August 28 & 29—**School Closed** for Staff Development



School will be Closed
Friday July 4th
to celebrate
Independence
Day



Ms. Diana's Pre-K Class

July is a fun time of year for our pre K class. We are enjoying the warm sun and being outside. We also have been blessed with new friends who are full of energy. The theme for July is camping. We will be going on a bear hunt and hiking up big mountains. The best part is we get to have a tent inside our classroom for dramatic play!! As always thank you for all the love and support you give to our school!

- Ms Diana

**Ms. Stephanie, Ms. Nichole,
and Mr. Paul's Preschool Class**

Congratulations again on your wedding and welcome back from Hawaii Ms. Nichole! We have had a wonderful summer so far. Water play has been exciting and we look forward to other various forms of fun during our summer theme of "Trips and Travels". Slippery Fish has been a favorite group song. (If you would like the lyrics, please let us know.) We enjoyed exploring the ocean and the animals that live there and will now be "Going Camping", as we move through our summer themes. We look forward to sitting around the camp fire, telling campfire stories, going on nature hikes and sleeping under the stars as our imaginations take us on many adventures. Rain Gutter Regatta was great fun and we're hoping that the one in September will be even bigger and better.

- Mr. Paul and Ms. Stephanie

Cindy Bo and Ms. Tierra's Toddlers

This past month our toddlers have had quite a bit of fun learning about the animals on the land and in the air. They took many pretend "Train rides" to the Zoo where they "saw" many different animals and enjoyed figuring out which sound each animal made. They were able to learn first hand about rabbits as our class

was blessed with a new baby Angora Bunny named Aslan. This brought about much hopping around and rubbing of their faces with their "paws." We were also blessed with an example of metamorphosis when Smaug the snake shed his skin. The children truly enjoyed examining the shed skin and seeing where Smaug's eyes had been. We will be saving this shed so that next time Smaug sheds we can compare the two to see how much he has grown. This month our toddlers will be learning all about the animals of the ocean and about having fun at the beach.

-Ms. Tierra

Ms. Lori's Transitioning Toddlers

We would like to welcome our new teacher, Ms. Lori to our classroom. She brings with her years of knowledge, education, enthusiasm, and a great love for children. She is a wife, a mother, and an advocate for children. She previously has worked at Grandmothers House in San Luis Obispo as their toddler teacher and with the City of Arroyo Grande Park and Recreation as a teacher with their after school and summer programs. The month of July we will be going to the Zoo. So, bring your hat and comfortable shoes because we will be busy going on pretend hikes around the school looking for animals and finding out where they live and what they eat.

- Ms Maddy

<u>School Wish List</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Towels• Laundry Volunteers• Washable Pillows/Pillow Cases for Cozy Spaces• Crib Mattress and/or Bean Bag Chair for Cozy Spaces	