Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center

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I would like to welcome our two new staff members, Wasinii Halvrosen and Lisa Crowe. With two new teachers on board, when we have decided to pair each of them with a "seasoned teacher", who is already familiar with the running operations of our program. Ms. Wasinii will be working with Ms. Nichole in the preschool room and Ms. Lisa will be working with Ms. Rebecca with the Pre K room. Cindy Bo will be teaming up with Ms. Tierra in the new Toddler Room 2 this fall as well.

Our annual Parent Orientation Meeting will be Thursday night, August 5, at 7:00 P.M. We will start in Criswell Hall, to go over updated information regarding the AGUMCC Program. Afterwards, the parents will follow the staff to their child's classroom to hear the highlights and an outline of what to look forward to this next school year. This is a night you don't want to miss. Sorry, there will be no childcare available.

The last three days of school, August 2, 3, & 4, we will be having "Wet and Wild Days". Please bring sandals, a bathing suit, sunscreen, and a beach towel to enjoy the fun. Also, to celebrate the end of summer, we will have our Summer Pot Luck/ Picnic on Wednesday, August 4 at 12:00 PM. Bring a dish to share, a blanket to sit on and enjoy a meal with staff, family and friends. There will be a Sign Up sheet to bring something for the Pot Luck on the Sign In/Out Table. School is out at 12:00. Before lunch, please be sure to sign your child out for the day. Remember, once you have signed your child out, they are your responsibility. After your child/children are done eating, please keep a watchful eye on them as they run off any extra energy before you go home. Don't forget, WE WILL BE CLOSED Thursday & Friday August 5 & 6 for staff development and to prepare for the fall, as well as Monday through Friday, August 9 - 13, for Summer Break.

A GREAT BIG THANKS! To Tom Eagan and Norm Henderson for their handy work in the Toddler Room (Nursery). By removing the old window sections of the wall, it provides more open space and improved air flow in the classroom. Thank you to all of our families who brought in theme items to enhance our classroom environments over the summer.

It is time to replace our Earthquake Preparedness Supplies. Our <u>WISH LIST</u> items are:

- One Coleman stove
- Two pots with lids
- Two 12 packs of chicken noodle soup
- Two 12 packs of canned corn
- Two 12 packs of Saltine crackers
- One 12 packs of Kraft Macaroni and Cheese
- One 24 packs of applesauce
- 96 count of granola bars
- One box of non-fat dry milk

If you are able to help with any of these supplies, please let Ms Maddy know.

will continue to be our theme for the month of August.



Important Dates to Remember

<u>Wednesday, August 4</u> - School is out at noon Families are invited to join staff for an End of Summer Picnic/Pot Luck.

<u>Thursday and Friday, August 5 & 6</u> - Staff Development. School is closed.

<u>Thursday, August 5</u> - Family Orientation Night, 7:00 -8:00 P.M. Start in Criswell Hall.

<u>Monday-Friday</u>, <u>August 9-</u>13 - Summer Break. School is closed.

Monday, August 16 - Traditional Fall Session begins.

<u>Tuesday</u>, <u>August 24</u> -Planning Meeting for Family Fun Day, 6:30-7:30 P.M.

<u>Monday, September 6</u> - Labor Day Holiday. School is closed.

Goodbye from Ms. Lori

This is my good bye as a Teacher and hello as a Volunteer for now. It has been my honor to be an employee and a board member here at Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center. The wonderful times and the growth of the school are too many to count. After the sale of my house, I hope to keep in touch by e-mail where I can be reached at lorigochenour@gmail.com. Or, find me on Face book, with proud pictures of my Grandson Addison, when he arrives in November 2010. I will miss you much.

Much Love and Blessings to All!

-Ms. Lori.

Ms. Lisa and Ms. Rebecca's Pre-K Class

I cannot believe that summer school is over and our new school year is beginning. It was fun learning about the rainforest and going camping. It was also exciting to have our new teacher, Ms. Lisa join us to wrap up some of our summer time fun. For all those students moving on to new schools, we will miss you very much and wish you the best of luck at your new school. Now, we would like to welcome all the new children who will be joining us in Pre-K. It is going to be an exciting and fun filled school year and I look forward to getting to know all the families and students this year.

-Miss Rebecca

Ms. Nichole and Ms. Wasinii's Preschool Class

Wow, we have had a great summer! It was fun going to the beach and camping. We want to welcome all the new children who will be joining Room 3 and we are happy to welcome our new teacher, Ms. Wasinii, as well. We are going to have a great year ahead. In August, we will be leaning about different zoo animals. Room 3 will also be looking at shapes and colors and practicing different sorting activities.

-Ms. Nichole

Cindy Bo and Ms. Tierra's Toddlers

How time flies when you are having fun! The summer has been filled with exciting explorations and wonderful discoveries. Following our "Trip to the Zoo" and our "Trip to the Beach" we

will now be taking a trip to our new classroom, along with the theme of "Going Camping". Our tent will be set up in what is now called Room 1, yet our camping adventures will begin in what we will then be calling



Room 2 (This room number better fits the age group that will be in the classroom). Ms. Tierra and Ms. Lori's groups will move on to the three year old class, with Ms. Nichole and Ms. Wasinii while the "Younger Toddlers" will graduate to the new Room 2. We will be welcoming Addison (Ms. Wasinii's daughter) and her family to our toddler class as well. Ms. Tierra will be the Primary Caregiver for Addison, Asher, Charlotte, and Malia and I will continue to provide primary care for Callie, Fiona, Jonas, and Payton. We will be working as a team to provide an experience for the children that will not only foster learning but create in them the desire to come to school. We look forward to all the fun we will have together.