

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center www.worshipweekly.com February

Message from Maddy

February is "Friends at School and in Our Community" month. We will have several special visitors throughout the month; the AG Fire Dept., AG Police Dept., SLO Ambulance Service, Vision Screening, from Dr. Hile, and a special time with Pastor David, **If you would like to share your occupation with the children, please contact your child's teacher**. See the attached notice, to mark your calendar for all the special visitors. If your child does not regularly attend on the day of a scheduled visitor, you and your child are welcome to join us during these special visit activities.

Did you miss the fun at the Pizza and Regatta Prep and Painting Party? To see wonderful pictures from the event, check out our web site, www.agumcc.org then see Regatta Event on the left hand side. Thank you to the families who volunteered their time to help make the event a success: We greatly appreciated your time and support!!!

You can still join in on all the fun by coming to the **Taco Bar Dinner Night on Friday, Feb.27**. Dinner tickets for this **BIG EVENT** are \$5 per person. What a deal!!! Dinner will start at 6:30 PM and the regatta racing begins at 7:00 PM. All ages can race their individual boats. Be on the look out for the weekly up-dates on the Regatta Bracket, located in the entrance hallway. *If you still need a boat, I have more.* We have already sold 30 boats. It is amazing how, each year, we sell more boats than the year before. *We need many hands to make this event fun for everyone.* The success of every event, here at AGUMCC, is made possible by the support of all our wonderful volunteers.

Mark your calendar; "Positive Discipline" is coming in March. This six week course is for parents and caregivers. It provides positive guidance techniques that include connection before correction with kindness and firmness. The classes will be held at AGUMCC. The class is open to the community. This course will be on Tuesday nights March 3 to April 7 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. The series will be led by Ms. Maddy and Ms. Rebecca, Certified Positive Discipline Educators. Registration is \$40 per person or \$70 per couple. Childcare is available for \$10 per child, per session. Registration includes the Positive Discipline book by Dr. Jane Nelsen and a workbook. Positive Discipline offers practical ways to change lives by reducing stress while raising responsible, respectful, and resourceful children. See the attached registration form to sign up.

TIME WITH PASTOR DAVID & GOODIE BEAR **Dates to Remember** Friday, Feb. 6- STAFF DEVELOPMENT Pastor David will read "The Children", from Mathew 19:13-15, and School Spirit Day. Wear your in the Beginning Bible. "Goodie Bear" will share a "Fruit of the Ã school T-shirt, to show your school Spirit" teaching on "Love". Ask your child about this wonderspirit. School will close at 3:30. Â ful time, we will be sharing together, on Wednesday and <u>Selected days in February</u> -"FRIENDSHIP DAY" Please check with Thursday, February 4 & 5 at 9:15 AM, in the ═╲╱═╲╱═╲╱═╲╱═╲╱═╲╱═╲╱═╲╱═╲╱═╲ <u>کلا</u> your child's teacher for details. Fruit of the Spirit Focus for the Month: LOVE Monday, Feb. 16 - SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY Love is something that we cannot touch but we express it and Friday, February 27 - TACO BAR AND experience it in our interactions with God and others. At school, RAIN GUTTER REGATTA. Dinner at we are learning to grow friendships with one another through 6:30 PM and Regatta Races begin at loving actions and words. 7:00 PM. "A friend loves at all times" Proverbs 17:17 ▓ॼ▓ॼ▓ॼ▓ॼ▓ॼ▓ॼ▓

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

Happy 2015, New Year! In January, the Pre-K class worked on the letters 'N', 'O' and 'P'. Our Pre-K children have been working extra hard on writing the first names on their zoo phonic curriculum. The children enjoy doing the Zoo Phonics, from the beginning, during our first group time. In January, we enjoyed our Pizza and Regatta Prep and Painting Party ; it was a blast. Thank you to all who participated in this event. We look foreword to the Taco Bar and Rain Gutter Races, coming up at the end of this month, February 27, at 6:30.

We are super excited to see how our boats do in the races! In February, our theme will be "Community Helpers." During this month, feel free to come to our classroom and share your profession, if you would like. We will be visited by



some of our community helpers, such as fire fighters and police officers, with their trucks and/or cars. If you would like to join us for these special visits days, please feel free to do so, on any of the scheduled visitor days. This month, we will also be having our Friendship Day Pot Luck Luncheon, on Friday, February 13. Please sign up, on the sign-up sheet, in the classroom. Happy February! ~Ms. Tresha

Ms. Kassie and Ms. Shirley's Preschool Class

It has been such a fun new year so far. In January we focused on winter and arctic animals. We also had such fun making letters in the post office and mailing them to children in our class. It was a blast this year during our Pizza and Regatta Prep and Painting Party. Don't forget, it was only part one; next comes the Taco Bar and Racing night. It is so fun seeing everyone, even the



parents, getting up there and racing each other. The year moves on, February is here, and that means it is "Community Helpers" month. We are looking forword to all of our visitors from around the community. Also I am welcoming all our parents,

to set up a time and a day, to come to class and share something about their jobs. So just let me, Ms. Kassie, know if you would like to come in. We are also having our Friendship Pot Luck luncheon on Thursday, February 12, at noon. All are invited. There will be a sign-up on top of the cubbies. I cannot wait to spend more time with all of you celebrating family and friendship.

~ Ms. Kassie

Ms. Claudia and Ms. Maddy's Toddlers

Happy New year to all the families in Room 2. I would like to thank all our families for your support and help in our classroom. There is always lots to do, please sign up to help with making playdough and washing laundry. In January the toddlers enjoyed learning about winter, playing with snow cloud dough and ice. The children also learned about animal's that hibernate. The children have really been enjoying our "Pete The Cat" books and have fun singing along, too. We also focused on "Joy" and the

things that bring us all joy. In February we will focus on "Community Helpers" and "Friendship". We would love to have parents come in and share their profession. We hope you will join us for our Friendship Day



Potluck Luncheon, on Friday, February 13. Please sign up and bring your favorite treat. Also, the Taco Bar and Regatta Race event is on February 27, at 6:30 PM. We hope to see all our families at the regatta racing their boats. Happy racing everyone! ~Ms. Claudia

Cindy Bo's Young Toddlers

It is time again for our month of celebrating love, friendship and "Community Helpers." This is always a very fun time for the children, as we get to meet many "helpers" from our community, hear about the jobs they do, see their tools and equipment, as well as explore some special vehicles (fire truck, police car, etc.). Some of the Young Toddlers may have some fears regarding these "strangers" so it will be helpful for you to talk



with them, before being introduced to these scheduled visitors, so that they know what to expect. If your child is not scheduled on the day of a scheduled visitor, you are welcome to join your child

and come during that scheduled visit time. Also, the Young Toddlers will be given the opportunity to dressup as these special and meaningful people in our community and to act out their jobs, all month long . We will also be reading stories and singing songs about these various community helpers and their jobs. Please bring in a self addressed stamped envelope, so your child can mail a special something to you, as we explore the valuable job of our postal workers. Our class will be having a "Friendship Day Potluck Breakfast". Families are invited to join their children for a meal and activities. Look for sign-ups in the classroom, as well as more information, in your family folders, about this special day, planned for Wednesday, February 11. "We Love because He first Loved us" (1 John 4:19). Love to you all! ~Cindy Bo