

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message From Ms. Maddy:

We want to be better connected with all our families. 1. Are you getting e-mails from me? If not, and you would like to get reminders about special events and upcoming deadlines, please put your e-mail address in the tuition box for me. 2. Like AGUMCC on Facebook. Get AGUMCC upcoming events that you can share with others. 3. Please check our Family Folders Daily. There is usually something in there everyday. It could be art, an invitation, or a flyer about an upcoming event. 4. Look for the "Family Communication Board" in your child's classroom. If needed, you can find an "Extra Care" request form. Once you fill it out, hand it to your child's teacher, so she is aware of your request. Then, she will give it to me for approval. After a copy is made and the original will be returned to you for payment. Then place the Extra Care Form in an envelope with your payment. 5. There is a "Family Network and Wish Board" in the entryway. On one side of the board, families can post their business cards, a picture to share, items that need a new home or an item to sell. On the other side of the board, teachers post items they need or would like to add to their classrooms. If you see an item, listed on the board, that you would like to donate or purchase, take the item notice off the board and return the item, with the note, to the office. We are always thankful for and appreciate the support we receive from our families!

The Children's Center Sunday event was a wonderful celebration of the children. We heard the children sing and saw their beautiful art, in Criswell Hall. Thank you to those who volunteered their time, to those who came, to those who brought items to share at the social, and to those who purchased the classroom masterpieces. The money raised will be used to enrich the children's art experience through medium and literature.

May is Parent-Teacher Conference Time. This is an excellent opportunity for your child's teacher to share with you, the many experiences and milestones your child has had throughout the year. After attending your conference, please return the Spring Survey. Our school strives to be the best it can be. The surveys let us know how we are doing and where or how we can improve our program (The survey can be anonymous). Thank you for your continued support in making this a quality program for the children and families we serve.

Staff Appreciation Luncheon is Thur. May 4 at 1:00. Sign up to show your appreciation and provide lunch for our wonderful staff in the McMillen Room. I need help with set up, food, decorations, and clean up.

AGUMCC is hosting a Golf Tournament at the beautiful Monarch Dunes Challenge Course, on Saturday, June 10. There are many ways to support this event: Be a golfer. Sponsor a golf team. Advertise your business on the tee, and much more. See the attached fliers and participation form for more information. Deadline is May 20, 2017

Show your School Spirit!

Order your T- shirt (\$10)
or sweatshirt (\$15) now.



Don't delay! Order by Friday, May 12, 2017.

Children need their T-shirts in time for the "Promotion and Acknowledgement Program", on Thursday, June 15, 2017.

BIBLE STORY & GOODIE BEAR TIME



Children will hear the story of "Hannah's Prayer", from 1 Samuel 1 & 2, in the Beginning Bible. "Goodie Bear" will share a "Fruit of the Spirit" teaching on "Patience".

Ask your child about this wonderful time we will be sharing together, on Wednesday & Thursday, May 3 & 4, at 9:05 AM, in the Church Narthex.

Dates to remember

- May is the month for - Parent-Teacher Conferences; Sign-up with your child's Teacher/Caregiver, for your individual meeting date and time.
- Thursday, May 4 - Teacher Appreciation Luncheon at 1:00 PM
- Sunday, May 14 - Happy Mother's Day!
- Monday, May 29 - School is Closed for Memorial Day
- Saturday, June 10 - AGUMCC Golf Tournament at Monarch Challenge Course
- Thursday, June 15- Minimum Day (School Closes at 12) End of the Year Pot Luck Lunch
- Thursday, June 15 - Promotion and Acknowledgement Program will be held in the United Methodist Church Sanctuary, at 6:30 PM. All children and their families are invited to this memorable event. Children arrive @ 6:15 PM in their classroom.
- Friday, June 16 - School is Closed for Staff Development.



TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

This is a fun annual event where our school families provide lunch for the staff. This year, it will be held on THURSDAY, MAY 4, AT 1:00 PM, in the McMillen Room. A sign-up, to help with providing food, decorating, helping with set up and/or clean up, will be on the Sign In/Out Table. If you have any questions please call Ms. Maddy.

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

April was a very busy month. We learned about insects and the butterfly life cycle, we had a blessed Easter and spring break, and our class worked very hard on our interpretation of "Starry Night" by Vincent van Gogh. This van Gogh project, for the art auction, was a very exciting process for us. Thank you everyone for bidding on the wonderful art. The children worked so hard on. For the Month of May, we will be exploring life at the pond and reviewing our letters and numbers. The children are now starting to put the letters together, to create words, and this has been very exciting. Also, for the Month of May, we will start having our parent teacher conferences. Please be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet. Ms. Julie and I look forward to meeting with you. Many of you have been looking at Kindergarten and will be attending Kindergarten round up. We look forward to hearing all about it and how it went for you and your child. Finally, we will start preparing the children for promotion. What! How can that be! Yes, we are almost at the end of the year.
~Ms. Rebecca

Ms. Jayna and Ms. Tresha's Preschool Class

The preschool class would like to thank you for attending our Open House. We hope you enjoyed learning about our class. In April our class explored bugs, insects, butterflies, and their life cycles. We learned which bugs were insects and which ones were not. In May, we will be moving on to "Down at the Pond." We hope to observe Pollywogs changing into frogs. If any of you have a pond in your yard and could spare some tadpoles, it would be greatly appreciated. As we finish out the alphabet, this month, get ready for Pre-K in June, we will continue to use letters and sounds in review. We will challenge the children with learning to trace the letters in their name, too. Some of them are even ready to write their names, just by looking at them. Please also remember to write down your child's share and name, on the share list, located in the share basket. In addition to all of this, we will be conducting parent-teacher conferences. Sign-ups will be in the classroom. Your children are growing so fast and we are so proud of them.
~Ms. Tresha

Ms. Shirley and Mrs. Swati's Toddlers

Our Spring potluck was a huge success. Thank you to all the families who brought dishes to share and who were able to come. April was a very busy month. We learned a lot about different kinds of bugs. For our sensory activity, we provided soil and worms for the children to explore. We also had live caterpillars and learned about the life-cycle of the butterfly. It was fun to see the caterpillars make their Chrysalis (new home) and emerge into a butterfly. Planting the flowers and releasing the butterflies were all a part of our focus on "Goodness" and "New-Life". It was lovely to meet all the families who came to Open House and explored our classroom. It was also great to see all the families who attended our Children's Center Sunday - Ice Cream Social. What a yummy treat!! In May, we will be learning about the animals that live at the pond. May is also parent-teacher conference month, so please sign up for a conference date and time, on the Family Communication Board. If you need a different time, please talk to your child's teacher and we will be more than happy to work with you. We also need more families to take turns doing laundry and making playdough. Please let us know if you can sign up to help. School will be closed on Monday May 29, to observe Memorial Day. Last, but not the least, Cheers to all the moms - HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!
~Ms. Shirley

Cindy Bo's Young Toddlers

In April, we explored "New Life" as we began observing the metamorphosis of six little caterpillars forming their chrysalis' and beginning to emerge as beautiful Painted Lady Butterflies. We will also have the opportunity to release them into their new habitat: our Backyard. Shaniah introduced push lights, flashlights and colored lenses, to our classroom. Many children showed interest in using them to explore and play, in very creative ways. Some looked through colored lenses at each other and used them as Dr. tools (like a stethoscope), others used flashlights to shine on objects in the classroom or examine Ralph's autographed photo (our famous garbage man) a little more closely and others used the push lights to make "cakes and pretend to blow out candles, as they pushed the lights off. There has been a lot of joy in outdoor discoveries, as well, such as lizards, snails, and ladybugs, that we will continue to explore and focus on as we move into the month of May. Thanks to those who were able to participate in one or both of our April events: the Open House and Children's Center Sunday. It is so nice to have families involved and to have the chance to get to know you better! I look forward to our time together during parent-teacher conferences this month, too! Please fill out your conference request form and return it to me, as soon as you are able, so I can schedule that time with you. Thanks! Also, please say "Thank you" to Shaniah, for her help in our classroom and care for the children. She will complete her lab hours here in the middle of May. We will miss you Shaniah!
~Cindy Bo