

Children's Center Chronicle

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center

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Message from Ms. Maddy

Now that current families have registered for our next session, I will contact families on our "Waiting List" to enroll them in our program. Families not on our "Waiting List" can enroll in May. If you have a sibling of a child that is already enrolled, please contact me if you are interested in them joining our program or putting them on our "Waiting List."

Our program is truly blessed by families who have chosen our program for their child's early childhood education and care. Tell others about our program. Our Preschool and TK classes have openings for the next session starting Monday July 1, 2025.

It is always good to plan when looking for a quality program. We pride ourselves on having an educated staff who love children and committed to their development. Also, we create interactive environments, in the classroom and outside. **Thank you to the staff, the families, the church, and the board members for all their time and dedication to making this a great program!**

This month, we will be hosting an **OPEN HOUSE** on Thursday, April 10, from 6:00 to 7:00. You can visit your child's classroom and then the classroom your child will be in starting July 1, 2025. Children will show their families around the classroom to share the importance of play, exploration, and learning that occurs each day in the different areas of the classroom and the many activities that are offered.

Sunday, April 27 is Children's Center Sunday, Art Show and Ice Cream Social. Each class will make a cooperative art piece to be sold through the Silent Auction. Anyone can get a bidding number from Ms. Maddy and start bidding on April 14th. Bidding ends Sunday, April 27, at noon in Criswell Hall.

Thank you to our April

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APRIL is New Life & Springtime Discovery
Things that slither, fly, crawl, and hop. Oh My!



DATES TO REMEMBER

- ♦ THURS. APRIL 10TH OPEN HOUSE
from 6:00-7:00
- ♦ WED. APRIL 16TH IS A MINIMUM DAY
The beginning of Easter Break.
- THURS. APRIL 17 & 18TH SCHOOL IS CLOSED
for EASTER BREAK
- ♦ SUN. APRIL 20TH. IS EASTER
- ♦ SUN. APRIL 27TH FROM 11:30 -12:00
Is Children's Center Sunday Art show, Silent Auction, & Ice Cream Social

BIBLE STORYTIME AND GOODIE BEAR

Our story, from the Beginning Bible this month is "Jesus is Risen", from Matthew 28:5-10.

"Fruit of the Spirit" is Goodness. "Doing good and sharing with others is pleasing to God." Hebrews 13:16



Ms. Swati's TK

I had a wonderful time meeting with parents during the Spring teacher-parent conferences as we discussed your children's progress and their transition to kindergarten. I greatly appreciate your valuable time.

In March, the children enjoyed the warm weather and caring for the garden by watering the plants. They had fun in the sensory bin filled with black sand and hidden treasures; like golden rocks, shamrocks, and coins. They also were busy counting the gold coins. In the manipulative area, children enjoyed the pot of gold containing necklaces, green shamrocks, and golden and silver coins, as well as golden and turquoise rocks. They have a great time sorting the items into categories and describing the colors they see. The children also used these loose parts to create a leprechaun trap along with blocks and came up with many amazing ideas on how to catch the leprechaun. During art, they painted and cut out their shamrocks by mixing yellow and blue to create green. We are learning about unique zoo-phonics animals like the Umbrella bird, and the children were thrilled to see the feathers, which resemble umbrellas.

In April, I will be on medical leave and will miss everyone dearly. Ms. Maddy will cover for me, and I know you will be in great hands. Spring is upon us, which means it's here! During April, we will cover our Zoo Phonics letters X, Y, and Z, continue working with the sounds, and develop words that begin with each week's letter. We will also introduce the shape of the Hexagon and discuss how many sides and corners it has. Additionally, we will continue practicing writing out numbers and their names. Moreover, we will learn about the life cycles of plants and butterflies. Lastly, we will have an "Art Show" in which the children will collaborate to create a beautiful piece of artwork and learn about the artist. ~Swati

Ms. Liz's Preschool Class

April has arrived, and with it comes Spring! This year is rushing by, and we will focus on what we are growing this month. The children will learn about different types of bugs that they can discover outside in the backyard and courtyard. We have planted cucumber, string bean, and zucchini seeds in the garden, and the children enjoy watering them each day. We will also keep track of their growth process.

Additionally, this month brings Easter, which is especially fun for the children. They will engage in various art activities related to Easter and pastel colors. Eggs will play a significant role in our learning. The children will explore eggs of different sizes, colors, and textures, allowing them to count, sort, open, and close them. We will even have an egg hunt outside using plastic eggs.

On April 4th and 5th, we will celebrate Goody Bear Day, discuss the story "Jesus is Rising," and focus on "Goodness." Thank you to all the families who met with me during our Springtime conferences, where we discussed your child's growth and learning experience.

Please remind the children to cover their mouths when

coughing or sneezing. We encourage them to use their "bat wings" to cover their mouths in class. Reinforcing this habit at home is essential, especially this time of year when many of our friends have allergies and are learning how to manage to blow their noses.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Open House on April 10th! We can't wait to show parents around our preschool classroom and the amazing artwork and projects the children have been working on. This month, the children will also learn about different artists, with a focus on Piet Mondrian, an abstract Dutch painter known for his bold canvas work using red, blue, and yellow colors. The art created by the children will be displayed in Criswell Hall during the Art Show.

I truly appreciate all the support from the families, and feel blessed to be a part of your child's future.

Thanks, Ms. Liz

Ms. Cindy Bo and Ms. Sibyl's Toddlers

Welcome to April 2025, everyone. The children in the toddler room seemed to enjoy learning about all the wonderful world of insects. They got to explore digging in the soil for real earthworms, and they were also fully engaged in learning about caterpillars, ladybugs, and butterflies! Thank you to those of you who actively participated in this concept by inviting your little ones to wear their favorite bug shirts or dresses to school which they had so much fun doing as well.

We also encouraged them to use gentleness and kindness with one another by using their words to express their ideas and desires rather than their hands. Woo-hoo! We are learning more every day how to do that successfully.

In April's activities, we will be learning about the colors: pastels, the shape of an oval, and the fruit of the spirit of Goodness, while also teaching them about the importance of recycling. On April 2nd and 3rd, we have bible story time and Good Bear. You too, are welcome to attend this fun activity in the church narthex. Also, we look forward to having you join us on **April 10th for our OPEN HOUSE from 6-7 pm** to visit the toddler classroom as well as the preschool class, which they will be attending in July. Another fun event you don't want to miss is **Children's Center Sunday, April 27th**. We hope you and your family have a wonderful Easter, and we look forward to teaching them a bit about Jesus rising from the grave three days later. Yay.... Jesus has risen! ~ Thank you, Sibyl



Wish List

- ◆ Gallon jugs of Bubble Solution
 - ◆ Gallon jugs of water
 - ◆ 5 oz paper drink cups
 - ◆ Case of Disinfecting Wipes
- ◆ Case of Alcohol and fragrant free Wipes
 - ◆ Box of individual bags of Cheez Itz
- ◆ A Box of individual bags of assorted all natural fruit snacks.