

Children's Center Chronicle

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center

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Message from Maddy

As summer approaches, we're preparing for fun outdoor activities! To ensure your child's safety, we kindly ask you to bring a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, and comfortable shoes. Please note that flip-flops are not considered safe for school due to their potential to cause slips and falls during active play. We're also planning water play in the coming days and months, so it's important to check your child's cubby and ensure an extra change of clothes is available. In the event that your child doesn't have a change of clothing, we'll contact you to bring one as soon as possible, understanding that this may not always be convenient.

The Spring Family Survey for 2025 is in. All participating families who completed the survey were either 100% very satisfied. The families reported that their child enjoys participating in the program, the program promotes their child's learning and development, and the staff meet their child's individual needs. Some comments received were "We are so glad our daughter is in your program." Suggestions on how to improve our program included: "It would be nice to have more keepsakes." Family participation is key to the success of our program. We greatly appreciate the support that families give to our program, whether it is attending special events, occasionally taking home laundry, or donating items they notice on our Wish List. The two main reasons why families choose our program is for socialization and the child-to-teacher ratio. We're grateful to the families who have been our ambassadors, sharing their positive experiences of our program. Your word of mouth is the most powerful form of advertisement, and appreciate your support. If you know someone who could benefit from our high-quality childcare, low child-to-teacher ratio and our dedicated, educated staff, please let them know we still have openings in our program for our next session to start July 7th, 2025.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for Thursday, June 26th. This day is not to be missed! The school will close at 12 to host the Promotion Program for all the children. This event, held in the Sanctuary, is a significant milestone for our children and their families. A Social will follow in Criswell Hall. Look for the Sign-Up Sheet to donate items for the social and help with setup or cleanup.

'Visiting Days' will be from June 23-25. During this time, children will have the opportunity to visit their new classrooms from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m., which will help them prepare for the new school year starting Monday, July 7, 2025.

The school will be closed for Summer Break from June 30 to July 4, 2025. Thank you again for choosing AGUMCC

BIBLE STORY TIME & GOODIE BEAR

9:00 AM ON WED. JUNE 4TH & THURS.
JUNE 5TH IN THE SANCTUARY.

Story: "Mary and Martha", Luke 10:38

"Fruit of the Spirit": is "Self Control".

The bible verse is "For the grace of God...teaches us ... to live self-controlled, upright and a Godly live."
~ Titus 2:11-12

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday, June 6- STAFF DEVELOPMENT School closes at 3:30
- Sunday, June 15—Fathers Day
- Thursday, June 20- Last Day of School. School closes at noon.
- Thursday, June 26—Promotion Program at noon
- Friday, June 27- School is Closed for Staff Development.
- June 30— July 4 —School is Closed for Summer Break
- Monday, July 7- First Day of School for 2025-2026

AGUMCC Staff Wish List

- ◆ Gallon jugs of Water
- ◆ Gallon bottles of Bubbles
- ◆ 5 oz drinking cups



AGUMCC Promotion Program
is Thurs. June 26 at Noon
in the First United Methodist Church.

Come celebrate with us. Each class will sign us a special song. A social will follow in Criswell Hall

Ms. Swati's TK

I cannot believe it's June. Time flies. Children are getting ready to transition into kindergarten. Some children will be joining us for the summer. We have learned and grown so much this year. During May, the children learned about the lifecycle of butterflies and the body parts of a butterfly. So, ask your children about the four stages of a butterfly cycle. The children were shocked to discover that butterflies taste with their feet. Many children said, "That's funny, what if we tasted with our feet?" We learned a lot about bugs through educational videos and books, including fun facts about spiders, crickets, ladybugs, and praying mantises. Children observed the preserved bugs using a magnifying glass and came up with interesting comments. They liked the big bugs matching board. Children used a variety of blocks to make bug houses. Children made beautiful flower arrangements from the dramatic play area and decorated tables for snacks and lunch. They also made special for were made and we planted seeds as well.

For June, we will be learning about frogs and their life cycle. Children will explore camping in the dramatic area. We will review numbers, shapes, and letters, such as number recognition and writing out the numbers, identifying shapes and sides/ corners, identifying letters/sounds, and writing the letters. We will also practice our promotion song to celebrate this special day for all the TK children transitioning to kindergarten, and have our Promotion Program on June 26th - how exciting! ~ Ms. Swati

Ms. Liz Preschool Class

This month, we are preparing for our big Graduation celebration. Children will be practicing song for Graduation. We have been discussing the upcoming changes, as children will be transitioning into Ms. Swati's classroom and other school programs. During Welcome Week, children will visit their new classroom and become familiar with the new environment. We are working on reviewing the alphabet, shapes, colors, and numbers. I want to thank all the families for spoiling us with wonderful gifts, cards, plants, and special notes during Teacher Appreciation Week. It made me feel so special, and I felt greatly appreciated. Ms. Maddy and I will be working on tie-dye shirts that children will wear on graduation. If any parents would like to help us this year with tie-dyeing shirts for a day or two, that would be extremely helpful!

It has been an incredible year, and it's hard to believe that the school year is coming to an end. Our children are all unique and ready to embark on their Pre-K journey. Some of them will be moving on to the Transitional Kindergarten with the district. I have cherished and enjoyed each and every one of them. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the families for their unwavering support in every aspect. I also want to wish all the dads, grandpas, and uncles a fantastic Father's Day! "Dad's are every child's first super hero in disguise." ~ Ms. Liz

Ms. Sibyl and Cindy Bo's Toddler Class

We hope everyone had a wonderful Memorial Day Weekend and look forward to our last month together in our 2024-2025 school year. The toddlers have been enjoying many play activities and explorations together. They join as a group to chase bubbles, search for butterflies, build sandcastles, hide in boxes, prepare food for each other, care for baby dolls, chase each other around the yard, dance together, and so much more. It brings us such joy to see them having such a great time at school and with one another.

This month, we will keep things simple and continue to reinforce the children's positive play experiences and interactions as we share this month of June and summer fun together.

It is hard to believe that the school year is coming to an end. Miss Sybil, Miss Shirley, and I truly appreciate your children's unique personalities, forming special bonds with them and growing closer to you and your families. Most of our toddlers will be transitioning to the preschool class in July. Although it is hard for us to let go, we know they are ready to move on to the next phase of their school journey. It is amazing to think of all the growth and development we have witnessed over this past year. We are thankful that we will still have a chance to offer a hug in passing or visit with them at the courtyard window after they have transitioned to their new class. The toddlers have formed some special friendships, and, along with that, visiting their new class and teachers during the "Week of Welcome" will surely help to make it a smooth transition for them.

Thank you all for the privilege of partnering with you in your child's care and learning.

Many blessings! Cindy Bo

