

Children's Center Chronicle

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Parent Orientation Night
Thursday, July 17th
From 6:00 -7:00 pm
in Criswell Hall



BIBLE STORY TIME

WED. JULY 9 & THURS. JULY 10 AT
9 AM IN THE NARTHEX

We will read "The Voice at Night", from the Beginning Bible. 1 Samuel 3. Our "Moral Teaching" is "Responsibility".



Parking Lot Safety

SPEED LIMIT IS 5 MPH

Did you know it is unlawful...

- 1) ..to leave children, under the age of 12, alone in a vehicle?
- 2) ..to leave your vehicle running, unattended?

WISH ITEMS

- 1 GALLON OF BUBBLES
- CASE BABY WIPES
- GALLON OF DRINKING WATER
- 5 OZ DRINKING CUPS
- 10 BOXES OF CRAYOLA WASHABLE MARKERS
- 8 BOXES OF LARGE CRAYOLA WASHABLE CRAYONS

Message from Ms. Maddy

Welcome to AGUMCC's 20th year!! I hope everyone had a fun 4th of July to celebrate Independence Day! We are so glad that you have chosen AGUMCC to provide your child with the best care and early childhood education. Currently, our program has 28 students. We still have openings in all our classes. Please share our information with others and have them contact me to schedule a tour. Word of mouth is our best advertisement.



Share your summertime fun with us. Bring pictures or souvenirs to share from your family travels. Summer is a busy time for many families, as well as for the staff. Please let your child's teacher know if they will not be attending school due to vacation or illness. Teachers record absences related to illness on their classroom illness log.

We appreciate your support in helping to keep everyone healthy. A well-balanced diet, plenty of rest, and regular hand washing are KEY to happy and healthy children, families, and staff. At the beginning of each day, we ask that your child use hand sanitizer or wash their hands when entering the program. As we travel from place to place, we also bring germs with us, and we'd like to keep them from spreading as much as possible. Children are required to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer upon arrival and when leaving school. This will help prevent bringing germs in and taking germs home.

What makes AGUMCC different from other childcare centers? We offer a low child-to-teacher ratio. In the toddler program, we maintain a 4:1 ratio. At our preschool, the student-to-teacher ratio is 6:1, and in our TK class, it's 1:8. We take pride in offering a high-quality program that features an Emergent Curriculum. Emergent means following the children's lead and introducing new and exciting activities to sustain the children's interests over time. This type of curriculum is both socially and intellectually engaging, as well as personally meaningful to the children.

Do you know someone or a business that would like to be our next month's

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Ms. Swati's T/K and Shirley's K Class

As we begin our new school year, I would like to welcome the new families to the TK class. We are excited for the big kids to stay for the summer as well.

Ms. Shirley and I will split the class. I will stay with the new TK, and Ms. Shirley will be with the Kindergartners. With the construction of the water damage and repair, we will both enjoy an outdoor classroom.

In July, we will spend time getting to know each other. We ask each student to bring a picture of their family and share it with their classmates. "What makes their family special?" Also, we will introduce our class schedule with pictures, which is displayed on the front door. The children will color their Helping Hands, which they will use for their daily jobs.

We will create summer beach art, such as painting the ocean, and learning about ocean animals. We will be working on learning classroom rules and peer relationships. Each day we will do an emotion activity to explore how they are feel each day and why. Also the children will dance and move using their creative movements during music and movement an activity they look forward to.

In August, we will be introducing our ZooPhonics alphabet and numbers. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, we will introduce our "Share" time. Children can bring items like pictures, drawings from the internet, or a magazine corresponding to the letter of the week. For example: A is for apple and bring in a picture of an apple. We will be laminating their pictures and putting them together in an ABC binder.

It was nice meeting some of the parents before the children transitioned to the TK class. Thank you for taking the time to get connected and helping to make a smooth transition for your child! I look forward to getting to know you and your child and be a part of their growth and development.

Ms. Liz and Ms. Sibyl's Preschool Class

Welcome to the 2025-2026 year of Preschool at AGUMCC! I want to welcome Sibyl into our classroom this year as my new co-teacher! As teachers, we are excited to welcome new friends to AGUMCC in addition to welcoming back our graduating Toddler Class. I have sent home a welcome packet that provides you with all the necessary information about our preschool class. This packet includes helpful information regarding classroom expectations, the classroom environment, and curriculum information. Please take a moment to review the packet and contact me with any questions you may have. We will discuss our classroom in more detail during the parent orientation night. We can also be reached through the Child Pilot app, and we will respond to messages as soon as possible. Please ensure that you send an extra change of clothes for your child to keep at school in case they are needed. Additionally, please have the clothes brought to school in a sealed, zip-lock bag. For our nappers, please send a fitted sheet, a small blanket, and a small stuffed animal or cuddly item if needed, all inside a pillowcase. Then put it in

the TK room in the nap cubbies.

During this month, we will focus our talks and stories on the fun times of summer. For sensory, we have kinetic sand with beach toys. We will do fun summer and beach arts and crafts. We will ease the children slowly into the routine. This month, we will be working on building relationships and getting to know our new friends as they transition. We will be sending home a poster board for you to do "The Family board" project together. This board should include pictures of your child, their name, and pictures of their families. They can also include stickers, drawings, pictures of pets, and anything they feel is special to them. Once the board is returned to school, it will be laminated and made available for your child in the classroom. July is all about getting to know each other as a new class. We will discuss some of the classroom expectations. Our main focus will be the three "rules" of our class, which are: **"We are kind, safe, and respectful"**. If we follow these primary rules, the class will be an accepting and safe environment for all children. I look forward to the opportunity of teach this next year's class!



Best wishes, Ms. Liz

Cindy Bo's and Ms. Alicia's Toddler Class

Welcome toddler children and families to a new school year in the toddler room. We are excited to have our new toddlers starting with us this month and over the next few months. We are also happy to have a few toddlers continue in our class for this new school year. I'm glad to welcome Miss Alicia to our toddler family as well. She will be working with me this year, as Miss Sibyl will be moving with the three-year-old children to the preschool classroom with Miss Liz. In the short time that Ms. Alicia has been in the toddler room before our summer break, I have noticed her calm and peaceful approach with the children and look forward to working with her to foster your child's growth and development, and provide a safe and nurturing environment for them.

We will take time to observe and pay attention to the children's interests to assist us in our curriculum and lesson plans each month. This month, get ready for an environment full of hanging monkeys as we have fun with wild animals, play figures, puppets, stuffed animals, songs, stories, etc., and see what might spark their interests.

Please feel free to ask us any questions you may have about our program or your child's experience here at school. We will be communicating with you in person and through the Child Pilot app. Please check the Childpilot app to receive messages, daily pictures of your child, and a "Toddler Daily Report". You can use this app to communicate with us, as well.

We look forward to this new school year together and feel blessed to have the opportunity to get to know you all better.

With appreciation for God's goodness, Cindy Bo