

# Children's Center Chronicle

Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center Visit us on the web at [agumcc.org](http://agumcc.org) August 2025

## Message from Ms. Maddy:

We are excited to welcome Ms. Alicia to our team. She is co-teaching with Cindy Bo in the Toddler Class Monday through Friday. She has her Master's Degree in Psychology and a Minor in Early Childhood Education. She recently moved here from San Diego and now lives in San Luis Obispo. She strongly advocates for encouraging and celebrating children's independence through positive conversations. She also believes children learn best through experiences that are relevant, tactical, and based on their interests. Her favorite quote is, "They don't care what you know until they know that you care."

We still have openings in our Toddler, Preschool, and TK Classes. Children age 2 by January 22 and using the toilet successfully are eligible for Preschool and children age 3 by January 2021 are eligible for TK. We pride ourselves on having an educated staff that loves and is committed to the development of young children. We strive to create interactive environments that foster joy in learning, both in the classroom and beyond. Additionally, our Pre-K program follows the guidelines established by the Department of Education, designed to help children successfully transition into kindergarten.

Have you finished your child's "Family Board"? This activity connects the school and home, helping our staff get to know your families better. Please let your child's teacher know if you have not yet received your collage poster board.



Do you know someone who would like to be our next months  
"Friend's of the Children's Center Sponsor?"

Please contact Ms. Maddy  
805-481-2223

### AGUMCC WISH LIST

- \* Baby Wipes
- \* \* Bird Seed
- \* Container of Bubbles
- \* Salt and Flour
- \* 1 Gallon jugs of drinking water
- \* 5 oz drinking cups
- \* White and Green Cardstock
- \* White copy paper
- \* Light Blue Paper
- \* Light Green Paper



### GOODIE BEAR & BIBLE STORY

WED. & THURS. AUG. 6TH AND 7TH  
AT 9:05 IN THE NARTHEX.

We will read **Luke 19: 1-10** from the Children's Beginning Bible. It's a story about **Zacchaeus** and how he learned to become **TRUSTWORTHY**.

#### Important Dates to Remember

Friday, August 1 Staff Development. School Spirit Day!  
Wear your AGUMCC T-Shirt. **SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3:30**

Saturday, August 16 Pizza and Bingo Night 5 to 7 Children are  
\$10 Adults \$20 for Dinner, Game, and Prizes.

Monday, September 1 **SCHOOL IS CLOSED** for Labor Day.

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### Ms. Swati's TK Class

It has been a pleasure getting to know every one of the children as this school year has begun. I have enjoyed our first week of TK and had a great time learning about your children. We hope they are enjoying their new class as the "Big Kids," as many of them have said. We look forward to getting to know each other better as the year continues.

In July, we spend time getting to know each other. Children explore and enjoy the outside classroom areas, including manipulatives, blocks, library, science, math, and dramatic areas. We also introduce the class schedule, which is displayed at the front of the class in picture form.

We started with our summer with a theme, beach, where children used watercolors to paint a starfish and shells. Children learned about ocean animals through books and educational videos. We have been working on some fun art projects and building our classroom ocean. Also, during table work, children practice tracing their names, the shape of the week, and pre-writing lines. In addition, in the second group, children dance and move using their creative movements during music and movement, which they enjoy. We have also been doing an emotion activity to explore how children feel and why. Children will be coloring their job- hands, which they will use for daily jobs.

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

It was my pleasure to meet the families at Orientation Night. I look forward to getting to know you and your child and being a part of their growth and development. Ms. Swati

### Ms. Liz and Sibyl's Preschool Class

What a wonderful summer we've had in the Preschool class! The children have been learning a new routine and have been very successful. They have been very excited about sitting down and finding their name on a colored star during group time. During group time, the children have already been learning about shapes, colors, and numbers. Thank you to all the families for being supportive and flexible in July as we all adjust to a new routine and new friends! They have shown great excitement being in the "big kid" classroom.

Please remember to bring in your family boards if you haven't, so we can display them around the classroom for your child to see. The children delight in showing pictures of their loved ones to each other and comparing how we are alike and different. We appreciate the time each family takes to make these boards for their children and the classroom.

Last month, we focused on becoming comfortable in our classroom and with our teachers. We have learned all about circles, and now we notice them everywhere!

This month, we will focus on ourselves and our families. We will draw pictures of our families and make adorable self-portraits as we continue to bridge the gap between home and school.

We will begin collecting data for your child's upcoming fall conference in September. Everyone has developed a great routine for dropping off their children in the morning as well as during pickup. Please ensure that you check your child's folder for artwork and notices. Additionally, please check their cubby for any soiled clothing that may need to be taken home. Each child will need two extra pairs of clothes and an extra pair of **shoes** to keep at school in case of accidents. It is also helpful to dress your child in layers for their school day. The weather can fluctuate from very cold in the morning to hot in the afternoon.

Thank you to the families who have helped with laundry and donated items to the school; it is greatly appreciated. We look forward to another exciting month with you and your children!

Thank you to everyone for allowing me to teach and grow with your child!

Love, Liz

### Ms. Alicia and Ms. Cindy Bo's Toddlers

We had such a nice month with our new toddler class. The children have all been quick to learn the school routines and to engage in interactions with others in our group. Though sharing is not an expectation we have for them at this age and stage of development, they have demonstrated the positive feelings associated with offering play materials to others and including them in their play activities. They are all expressing joy in their play and pride in the skills they are developing here at school.

Alicia and I were so thankful to have the opportunity to share more about our daily routines with those of you who attended our "Parent (Family) Orientation" night. We also enjoyed discussing the special characteristics we've already been blessed to get to know each of your children. Thank you to those of you who were able to join us for the evening. Thanks, also, to Mia's grandma, J. Marie, for bringing special treats to share with us during the meeting.

The children really enjoyed many of the materials and activities offered to them in July, so we will continue to offer waterplay experiences, wild animal explorations, favorite stories, and music and movement activities again this month. We will continue to observe and pay attention to the interests of the children, which will help us develop our curriculum and lesson plans in the months ahead. They have demonstrated interest and curiosity in getting to know each other, so we will focus on encouraging and supporting this as well.

Once again, please feel free to ask us any questions you may have about our program or your child's experience here at school. It is such a privilege to get to know you and your children. Thank you for entrusting us with their care and allowing us to partner with you in supporting their growth and development. Many blessings! Cindy Bo