

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message from Ms. Maddy



Thank you to our families for choosing AGUMCC for their child's early childhood education and care. Thank you to the staff for their dedication to our program and daily love for the children. I greatly appreciate the continued support from the members of the First United Methodist Church in helping to keep our outstanding school open for our 19th year. We opened on July 21, 2005, as a Christian ministry to serve the community. We are grateful we are still going strong. The Lord has truly blessed this Children's Center. We are incredibly thankful for all the families who have trusted us with their child's care and education.

It's HARVEST PARADE TIME on Sat. Sept 27. Join AGUMCC and First United Methodist Church and sign up to participate. Everyone must be at the staging area at 9:00 a.m. on West Branch Street, just past Old Ranch Road, to participate in the parade. Children must be with their parents to participate in the parade. Children can ride their trikes, bikes, or scooters. Please remember to bring a hat, water, and snacks. Show your school spirit by wearing your AGUMCC t-shirt. **Do you and your child need a T-shirt?** Order yours by September 8th to ensure you have one in time for the parade. Children's T-shirts are \$15, and Adults' T-shirts are \$20.

As everyone settles back into the routine after summer, we are excited about the new school year ahead. We would like to express our gratitude to our school families who have shared their happiness with others about the quality of care and the low child-to-teacher ratio we offer. Your satisfaction is a testament to the positive impact our program has on the children, and we are proud to be a part of their growth and development. Please pick up a flier to share with others and post on community boards around town.

September is Parent/Teacher Conference time. All the families received an Ages and Stages Questionnaire to complete. We hope that the families enjoyed doing the activities with their children. The information you provide will be used as a part of the overall assessment that the teachers will share with you during the "Parent/Teacher Conference."

Thank You to our September

Friends of the Children's Center Sponsor:
Scott Trees

Do you know someone who would like to be our next months

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Please contact Ms. Maddy

BIBLE STORY & GOODIE BEAR

Wed. Sept. 3 & Thurs. Sept. 4 at 9 am in the Narthex

The Children's Beginning Bible Story is —Exodus 20.

This story is about Moses going to the mountain to get the 10 Commandments from God.



Our moral teaching is: "Respect."

Let's show respect to one another. Respect is the cornerstone of our school community. It's not just about following rules or using manners. It's about valuing each other's opinions and being open to different perspectives. Let's continue to foster a culture of respect where everyone feels heard and appreciated.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Mon. Sept 1—

⇒ Labor Day School is Closed

Fri., Sept. 5

⇒ Spirit & Staff Meeting Day. School Closes at 3:30

Sat. Sept. 27

⇒ Arroyo Grande Annual Harvest Parade

Ms. Swati Pre-K Class

August was a very busy month. Many of the older children transitioned to the elementary school. I want to welcome the new children and families to our classroom and program. We worked on the letter Aa for Allie the alligator, Bb for Bubba the bear, and Cc for Catrina the cat. In addition, children are working hard on their conference packet by tracing, cutting, recognizing letters and numbers. We also wrote down the ways to be trustworthy on the small leaf for the worship board in the McMillen room. Children have been collecting different leaves that have fallen from our big tree in the backyard and observing them under a magnifying glass to see how they are different yet the same. Children seem to enjoy building ramps and structures with blocks and Legos and being creative with how they are building them. Children enjoyed answering questions and sharing their picture of the letter of the week. One of our shares was a picture of birds.

In September, we will introduce the letters Dd, Ee, and Ff. We will complete our packets and prepare for parent-teacher conferences. Children will explore the differences and similarities between a square and a rectangle and mix primary colors to make secondary colors. We will discuss ways to be respectful after we hear the Bible story about Moses and the Ten Commandments. We look forward to meeting all of you during conference time. Be on the lookout for the conference signup sheet to schedule an appointment. I would love some support and help in doing laundry, making Play-Doh, and cutting out any art project. Please connect with me if you can help.

Thanks Swati.

Ms. Liz's and Sibyl's Preschool Class

Happy September, everyone. We are excited to welcome our new friends, Julian and Kacie, to our classroom. Last month, we learned about the color yellow, the number 1, the shape of a square, and the quality of being "Trustworthy." This month, we are eager to learn about the number 2, the color blue, the shape of a rectangle, and the letter recognition of A, B, and C. We will also be learning about apples and dinosaurs, and practicing taking turns with one another by "asking and waiting" for what we need. We invite you and your families to join our school for the **Fall Harvest Parade in Arroyo Grande on Saturday, August 27th**. Please see Maddy's message on the front of the newsletter for details about this event.

Please note that conferences to review your child's goals will be in September 2025. Please be on the lookout for the sign-in sheet inside your child's classroom so that we, together, can devise a plan of action to support your child's growth academically, spiritually, and developmentally. Hooray....This month is going to be GREAT! Blessings Ms. Sibyl

Ms. Alicia and Ms. Cindy Bo's Toddlers

This month, the kiddos will have fully adjusted to our school routine and are enjoying exploring friendships with one another. A blossoming of independent skills is beginning to emerge, accompanied by phrases like "I'll do it!" Our toddler room nurtures autonomy by giving them space to try and providing support when needed. Plus, there's a whole lot of celebration with each step forward!

We are so grateful we were able to visit with Goodie Bear and Scruffy this month! They sang interactive songs and listened to stories that taught us what it means to be trustworthy. These lessons are echoed in the classroom, and now we know that trustworthy means giving back what isn't ours, handling delicate objects and toys gently, and doing what we say we will do!

Our animal-filled classroom expanded to include birds in the second half of the month, which the kids thoroughly enjoyed! They showed a lot of curiosity about bird calls, and they even got a chance to hold real ostrich, duck, and chicken eggs! Additionally, police cars were the talk of the town after they had the opportunity to explore a police car with Officer Uhl, which piqued their curiosity about community service workers.

It is so rewarding to form bonds with your children and watch them grow. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a one-on-one meeting, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Many blessings, Miss Alicia and Mrs. Cindy-Bo.

**The Noisy Offering raised
\$2,272.93 for school supplies**
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Thank you, *Ms. Maddy*