

Children's Center Chronicle

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Message from Ms. Maddy:

We hope everyone feels connected as we invite you to share more about your family. Please complete your "Family Heritage and Celebration Information Sheet" by Friday, Nov. 7th, and return it to your child's teacher. This project will help us learn more about your family and the traditions you may celebrate. If your family has a tradition you want to share with your child's classmates, please tell your child's teacher or message them through the Child Pilot App.

Every year, our school and the Mission Team of the First United Methodist Church have a **Community Service Project** called "**SPARE CHANGE FOR TURKEYS.**" This project brings awareness to others' needs. The children made containers to take home to collect spare change. Please return the container by Friday, Nov 21st. The money raised will be given to the "**Five Cities Christian Women's Food Pantry.**" They, in turn, will buy turkeys for families in need this holiday season. We have raised over **\$6,015.16** since 2008. Our goal this year is to raise \$500. *Did you know that every \$1 donated equals \$10 at the food bank?* Please help us make a difference in our community by supporting this special project.



We are having a virtual "**Yum-Raiser**" selling *See's Candy for the Holidays*. This fundraiser will help us purchase supplies and materials for our program. Visit our storefront online from November 3 through November 30, 2024. Orders will be shipped directly to you or to any place you want. Orders over \$72 receive FREE shipping. Otherwise, there is a small shipping fee. To shop, visit our site <https://www.agumcc.org> or our Facebook page. You also can go to the AGUMCC See's Candy Store, by using this QR code.



Bible Story Time

"**Daniel and the Lions**", from the Beginning Bible, Daniel 6:10-28.
Wed. Nov. 5 and Thurs. Nov. 6 in the McMillen Room at 9:00 am,

Fruit of The Spirit: Faithfulness

Each day we reflect on God, expressing our thankfulness, as we say a simple prayer, "Thank you God for our food, and our friends, and our families. Amen." This is an act of faithfulness: that the children practice daily.

Friends of the Children's Center CAMPAIGN.

Please, make a difference in a child's life with a "Year End Gift" or Monthly Pledge
Your tax deductible contribution is safe and easy.

Three ways to GIVE:

1. Visit: <https://www.agumcc.org> and use the GIVE NOW button.
2. Mail: AGUMCC 275 N Halcyon Rd. Arroyo Grande CA 93420
3. Use this QR code with your smartphone camera. ↗



Mark Your Calendar

Friday, Nov. 7 - Staff Development **SCHOOL IS CLOSED AT 3:30.**

It's SPIRIT DAY too! So wear your AGUMCC t-shirt!

Friday Nov. 7 at 9 am to 7 pm. and Saturday Nov. 8 9 am to 2 pm —

Host their Annual Holiday Boutique

Tuesday, Nov. 11 - **SCHOOL IS CLOSED** to observe Veterans Day.

Wednesday, Nov. 26 - "Is a **MINIMUM DAY** at SCHOOL. **WE CLOSE AT 12:00.**

Thursday & Friday, November 27 & 28 - **SCHOOL IS CLOSED** for Thanksgiving Break.



Ms. Swati TK Class

Hello TK Families, Happy Fall, Everyone. The children enjoyed these various fall arts activities: painting an apple core, leaf rubbing, and all the fun pumpkin activities. We ended with our Pajama day party. Thank you to everyone for bringing in a pumpkin. We did pumpkin investigations. The children measured how tall their pumpkins, counting the lines on their pumpkins, and determined their pumpkins' sizes. Moreover, we talked about the pumpkin life cycle and the parts of a pumpkin, and we watched a video called "Dissect a Pumpkin" by Sci Show Kids, where we learned that a pumpkin is a fruit. Lastly, this month's focus was on Kindness. In our class, the TK class, children showed various acts of kindness and received a Kindness Card every time they showed an act of Kindness.

For November, we will continue our fall activities but shift our focus from pumpkins to acorns. The sensory bin is now full of beautiful fall things like pumpkin gems, acorns, and leaves for sorting. We also have some hungry squirrels in the math area who need to be fed some acorns based on the number they have printed on their tummies. We also have alphabet acorns in the manipulatives area, where the children match uppercase letters to lowercase letters. We will also spend our time talking about what we are thankful for as we get closer to Thanksgiving. We will hear the story of Daniel and how he bravely let the king send him into the lion's den because he had faith that God would protect him. I hope you and your family have a safe and happy Thanksgiving, and I want you to know that I am very grateful for each child and family in our class! In love, light, and learning, Ms. Swati

Ms. Liz's and Ms. Shirley's Preschoolers

November is already here, and we have a busy month ahead! This month, from November 1st to November 30th, we will be accepting online orders for See's Candy, and we will also be concluding our "Spare Change for Turkey" campaign on November 21st. The children have learned a great deal during their time at school. They are practicing taking care of their own needs, such as cleaning up after themselves when snack and lunch are over. They are also very proud to show their peers and teachers their bubble gloves (soap lather) while washing their hands. This month, we will work on various art projects, including hand-printed turkey place mats and collage art. The children will continue practicing their cutting skills while learning to recognize numbers and letters. At group time, snack, and lunchtime, children are learning to spell their names and other children's names as they pick up their jobs for the classroom job chart.



Children are showing great interest in pumpkins and leaves. They are excited to see lizards crawling on the courtyard ledge. Children are pretending to be dinosaurs outside, making roaring sounds as they chase each other. They are also very interested in the dinosaurs in the sandbox and are able to name most of the dinosaurs. We are learning to be thankful for the things God has blessed us with. This month, we will be focusing on Faithfulness, and we will be learning about Daniel and the Lion's Den from Ms. Maddy while singing the song "Jesus Loves Me." In the classroom, we will create and color a "Faith Medallion" that students can wear. Ms. Liz

Ms. Cindy Bo and Ms. Alicia's Toddlers

It's that time of year when we take a moment to remember everything we have to be grateful for! We are especially thankful for each child and family who shares their lives with our little program. In October, the toddlers enjoyed exploring pumpkins and exercising their muscles hauling "immense" pumpkins all around the classroom. We also dove into the harvest season by talking about how food is grown, harvested, and delivered to grocery stores. The kids especially loved playing with barn animals, pretending to chop wood, and milking cows with the Barnyard Boogie! Of course, we loved Star's special appearance and giving everyone the chance to come up close to a real pony!

This month, the toddlers will share more about their families and begin to understand what it means to be thankful. The children have the opportunity to share their "Family Photo Boards" with their classmates. If you have not returned your child's board, this would be the perfect time. Please let us know if you need a new poster board to create your child's family photo collage. Remember to label the people and pets on your board so that we can learn their names.

Unfortunately, with the approach of autumn weather, my (Miss Alicia's) commute to and from Arroyo Grande on my motorbike has become too perilous due to daylight savings, deer, heightened winds, and the rainy season—making it too high a risk to continue with the school. I am very sad to announce that my last day with AGUMCC is Friday, November 7th. I am so thankful to have been part of the school for the time I had, and I will miss the families and staff so much! It has been such a privilege to be part of your children's growth and development. ~Miss Alicia

