



Providing quality programs for young children
in the San Ramon and Diablo Valley since 1976 --
Alamo, Danville, Walnut Creek, & San Ramon

- *Preschool
- *Pre-Kindergarten
- *Junior Kindergarten
- *Summer Camp

"Play is the Work of Childhood"

Our Philosophy

The **Creative Learning Center** provides a climate for growth where children are helped to understand their world through the full use of their senses, their feelings, and their intellects. Our program focuses on three essential educational principles:

- **Enhancing a positive self-image** - A child's self image is the most important ingredient in the learning process. At the Creative Learning Center children develop a high sense of self esteem; a feeling of competence that breeds further success and motivation for further learning.
- **Providing a safe environment to explore social relationships** - Social sensitivity is a slow arduous process that involves learning to understand how to share, cooperate and empathize. We believe that play is vital to a child's learning positive social values. Through play, children learn to initiate and sustain relationships, building interpersonal trust and emotional maturity.
- **Introducing academics through "hands-on" sensory experiences** - Each child is a unique individual with different levels of development. It is our role to assess each child and provide a broad spectrum of learning experiences geared to challenge the mind and body and cultivate curiosity and awareness of the world. Our curriculum is designed to meet the needs of each individual child.



Our Facilities

The **Creative Learning Center** was established in 1976 to provide a comprehensive Early Childhood Education program and resource center for the Diablo and San Ramon Valley communities.

Our educational facilities are especially designed with children in mind! Every feature of the indoor and outdoor learning environment is an extension of the school's philosophy and goals, and is carefully planned to meet the development needs of young children. We are fully licensed by the State Department of Social Services.

Our facility is open to all children between 2.9 years of age (and toilet-trained) through Kindergarten. We offer Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten and Junior Kindergarten programs from September to mid-June with both half day (a.m. or p.m.) or school day (5 1/2 - 6 hours) options. In addition, our Summer Camps for Curious Campers (Preschool/Pre-K) and Explorers (entering or completing Kindergarten) run from late June through mid-August.



Our Staff



The heart of any educational experiences lies in the interaction of people with one another. The staff at the **Creative Learning Center** includes teachers trained specifically in Early Childhood Education and diversified in age, experience and interest to provide a rich collection of talent and expertise. The teacher/student ratio is 1:5-1:8.

- **Debbie** teaches afternoon Junior Kindergarten and the morning Red group. She joined CLC in 1990, received her Early Childhood Education training from DVC, and taught preschool locally prior to joining CLC.
- **Mary**, teaches our morning Junior Kindergarten and the afternoon Red group. She also joined CLC in 1990. Mary received her B.A. from Chico State University and Early Childhood Education training from DVC.

- **Lorrie** is in her 8th year at CLC, having previously taught at several local preschools. Her Early Childhood Education training is also from Diablo Valley College. Lorrie is teaching mornings and afternoons this year, working with our AM & PM Yellow groups.
- **Linda** is in her 10th year at CLC, and received her B.S. in Early Childhood Development from U.C. Davis. Linda previously taught locally, as well as in Oklahoma. She is teaching our morning and afternoon Green group-- and is our early morning arrival teacher.
- **Jaime**, morning Blue group teacher, has been with CLC since 2001. She received her Early Childhood Education training at DVC, attended Cal State U., Hayward, and has previously taught at several local programs.
- **Jamie** joins our staff this year and is teaching our Purple group, both mornings and afternoons. Jamie has previously taught for 5 years in Martinez. She has an A.A. from DVC and is currently working toward her B.A. in Human Development from Cal State U., Hayward, to be completed in March 2008. WELCOME JAMIE!
- **Marie**, our Teacher Aide, is returning for a 2nd year. Marie holds a B.A. in Human Development from Cal State U., Hayward, and is currently pursuing her ECE training at DVC. Marie has previously been a Special Ed. teacher aide with SRVUSD.
- **Jeannie** joins us this year as our afternoon Teacher Aide on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Jeannie's educational background includes a B.A. from San Jose State U., in Public Relations and Marketing. She is currently a marketing and communication consultant, and has previously been a Parent Participant at CLC. WELCOME JEANNIE !
- **Susan** also joins us this year as our Friday Science Specialist and Rainbow Teacher on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Susan has recently completed her Associate Teacher certificate from DVC and also holds a B.A. in Journalism from CAL State U., Sacramento, and an A.A. degree in Math and Science. She had an impressive career in journalism and television production before redirecting her career to ECE. WELCOME SUSAN !
- **Courtney**, our Motor Specialist, re-joins our staff this year, having been our CLC Motor Specialist 5 years ago. She guides the children each Monday as they tumble, dance, stretch and move creatively. Courtney's background includes a B.A. in Liberal Studies with an emphasis in Child Development, as well as experience as a preschool teacher. WELCOME COURTNEY!
- **Jan** has been our Music Specialist for over twenty years. Jan delights the children on Wednesday with her wonderful music program, including a wealth of songs that the children enjoy learning. She emphasizes creative movement and use of musical instruments.
- **Lorena**, our Program Director, received her Early Childhood Education training at DVC. Before joining CLC in 2001, she was a teacher, and then director of an early childhood program in Martinez. She has also been a Special Education Teacher, as well as part of the Bilingual IEP staff for the Martinez School District.
- **Jori**, Executive Director, holds a B.A. from UCLA and MS. Ed in Early Childhood Education from Wheelock College, Boston. She has extensive experience in the field of ECE as a Preschool Teacher and Director, Community College Instructor, and developer of programs and centers, and will be celebrating her 25th year at CLC .
- **Lisa**, Office Manager, received her B.A. from UC Berkeley and worked in the "Corporate " world for several leasing and venture leasing companies. She joins our team for a 5th year as the smiling face in our front office.

Parents also play a vital role at the Creative Learning Center! We encourage hands-on parent participation and offer tuition credit for parents who assist in the classroom on a regular basis. Parent conferences are also scheduled regularly to provide a time for more formal communication.

Our Curriculum



Children learn best through firsthand, sensory experiences. They need to handle, manipulate, experiment and explore, and they also need to expect certain guidelines, rules and routine in order to feel safe and secure. Our task at the Creative Learning Center is to enhance these experiences with the proper tools and protective controls for each child's optimal learning. Our overall curriculum of carefully planned activities includes:

art	large motor activities	nutrition education
language arts	science exploration	health education
literature	math	nature studies
reading readiness	water play	social studies
dramatic play & puppetry	woodworking	computer skills
small motor challenges	music and movement	field trips

Cross-Age grouping is used for activities where diversity in background and experience is desired. For other learning experiences children are grouped by *Chronological or Developmental Age*.

For a more detailed look at our curriculum, review our Letter of the Week and Theme Schedule.

Letter of the Week & Theme Schedule: 2007 – 2008

<u>Week Of:</u>	<u>Letter of the Week</u>	<u>Monthly Theme</u>	<u>Math Concept</u>
Sept. 6-7	All About Me!	Manners Matter	Shapes
Sept. 10-14	All About Me!		
Sept. 17-21	Colors		
Sept. 24-28	i		
Oct. 1-5	t	Land Before Time	Sorting
Oct 9-13	l		
Oct. 15-19	j		
Oct. 22-26	c		
Oct. 29-Nov. 2	c		
Nov. 5-9	a	Creative Cuisine	Counting
Nov. 13-16	a		
Nov. 19-20	d		
Nov. 26-30	d		
Dec. 3-7	f	Family Traditions & Celebrations	Patterns
Dec. 10-14	g		
Dec. 17-20	o		
Dec. 21-Jan. 4	WINTER BREAK		
Jan. 7-11	s	Wonderful, Wacky Winter	Classifying

Jan. 14-18	s		
Jan. 22-25	e		
Jan. 28-30	r		
Feb. 4-8	r	Helping Hands	Measurement
Feb. 11-15	n		
Feb. 19-22	u		
Feb. 25-29	h		
Mar. 3-7	m	Tell Me A Story	Graphing
Mar. 10-14	m		
Mar. 17-21	p		
Mar. 24-28	Spring Break		
Mar. 31-Apr.4	b	Can You Dig It?	Simple Additions
Apr. 7-11	b		
Apr. 14-18	k		
Apr. 21-25	w		
April 28-May 2	w	Animal Antics	Recognizing Numbers
May 5-9	y		
May 12-16	q		
May 19-23	v		
May 27-30	x		
Jun. 2-6	z	So Long, Farewell	Review
Jun. 9-11	Memories		

Our Programs & Tuition

2007-2008 School Term: September 6, 2007 to June 11, 2008

		Monthly Tuition Sept-May	Deposit
Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten			
9:00-11:30	Mon thru Fri	\$570	\$285
12:30-3:00	Mon thru Fri	570	285
12:30-3:00	Mon, Wed, Fri	384	192
9:00-2:30	Mon thru Fri	1044	522
Morning Junior Kindergarten (children 5 years old by June 30, 2008)			
8:30-11:30	Mon thru Fri	\$698	\$349
8:30-11:30 + add 11:30 - 2:30	Mon thru Fri	1184	592
Afternoon Junior Kindergarten (children 5 years old by June 30, 2008)			
12:30-3:00	Mon thru Fri	\$582	\$291
12:30-3:0 + add 9 - 12:30	Mon thru Fri	1184	592

Add On Options

Add the fee listed to the tuition of your regularly scheduled *morning* program.

Extend 11:30-2:30	Tues and Thurs	Add to Tuition \$248	Add to Deposit \$124
	Before School/Monthly	Lunch/Monthly	
	<i>7:30-8:30</i>	<i>7:30-9:00</i>	<i>11:30-12:30</i>
1 day per week	\$20	32	44
2 days per week	30	48	72
3 days per week	38	60	94
4 days per week	44	72	112
5 days per week	48	82	130
"Drop in" per day	12	12	12

Lunch: Children attending any half day program have the option to stay for the lunch hour. Sign ups for regularly scheduled lunches will be Wednesday, August 1, 2007. **Children bring their own lunch. CLC will provide milk each day.**

New Student Orientation Day: Wednesday, September 5, 2007

General Fees

\$25 New Student: Application/Re-Enrollment Fee

\$50 Annual Curriculum Materials Fee

\$15 Tote Bag Fee

TUITION DEPOSIT: NON-REFUNDABLE

A deposit equal to one-half of your monthly tuition is due **May 1, 2007**. Junior Kindergarten tuition deposits are due upon acceptance. This amount confirms your child's enrollment and will be applied to his/her tuition for June 2008. This deposit is **not refundable** should your child not attend CLC, change programs, or be withdrawn from school prior to the completion of the school term. The monthly tuition is due on the first of each month.

Creative Learning Center is closed during school and legal holidays, generally following the SRVUSD school calendar.

CURIOUS CAMPERS

(At least 2.9 years old
& toilet trained)

EXPLORERS

(Entering or completing
Kindergarten)

TUITION & FEES



Fun in the Sun Summer Camp 2008

For Children 2.9 Years Old to 1st Grade

June 24 – August 15

A developmentally appropriate, hands-on, sensory curriculum

Art	Music and Movement
Language Arts	Social Studies
Literature	Woodworking
Critical Thinking Skills	Fieldtrips
Reading Readiness	Water Play
Dramatic Play	Nutrition Education
Small Motor Challenges	Health Education
Large Motor Activities	Nature Studies
Science	Math

Curious Campers

Fun in the Sun - Summer Camp 2008

CURIOUS CAMPERS

(At least 2.9 years old
& toilet trained)

For children at least 2.9 years old and toilet trained

EXPLORERS

(Entering or completing
Kindergarten)

Come explore with our summer friends Dora and Diego!

TUITION & FEES



SESSION 1: June 24 – July 18

Week 1 "Dora Goes to School".... "Meet Diego!"

Developing new friendships with others

Week 2 "I Love a Parade!".... "Dance with Dora"

Celebrate the fourth in a big way!

Week 3 "Dora's Picnic".... "Say Cheese"

Promote good health and nutrition through yummy recipes

Week 4 "Dora's Backpack".... "Through the Woods"

Lets go camping in the great outdoors

SESSION 2: July 21 - August 15

Week 1 "Go Team Go Team!".... "A Great Day for Soccer"

Encourage team work and group activities

Week 2 "Stuck in the Mud".... "Isa's Little Fish"

Splish splash, mud, water and fun

Week 3 "Explore with Dora".... "Super Spies"

Awareness and understanding of our environment

Week 4 "At the Beach".... "A Day at the Beach"

Discover the wonders of the sea and shore

Explorers

Fun in the Sun - Summer Camp 2008

CURIOUS CAMPER

(At least 2.9 years old
& toilet trained)

For children entering or completing Kindergarten

EXPLORERS

(Entering or completing
Kindergarten)

Fasten your seatbelts and take a fieldtrip on the Magic School Bus

TUITION & FEES



SESSION 1: June 24 – July 18

Week 1 "The Magic School Bus Inside the Earth"

Discover how many layers planet earth has

Week 2 "The Magic School Bus Gets Baked in a Cake"

A dash of this, a pinch of that, as you experience kitchen chemistry

Week 3 "The Magic School Bus Plants Seeds"

How living things grow – supplies and conditions that are needed to sprout seeds

Week 4 "The Magic School Bus and the Electric Field Trip"

Investigate our world through science experiments

SESSION 2: July 21 - August 15

Week 1 "The Magic School Bus Explores the Senses"

Visit your five senses; tasting, touching, hearing, smelling and seeing

Week 2 "The Magic School Bus Inside a Beehive, An Insects Life"

Travel with bees and insects to see what they do in our garden

Week 3 "The Magic School Bus Gets Eaten"

What makes up our food chain, cooking and eating healthy foods

Week 4 "The Magic School Bus on the Ocean Floor"

Explore and research all that the ocean has to offer

Tuition & Fees

Fun in the Sun - Summer Camp 2008

CURIOUS CAMPER

(At least 2.9 years old & toilet trained)

TUITION PER SESSION:

Session 1: June 24 - July 18
 Session 2: July 21-August 15

EXPLORERS

(Entering or completing Kindergarten)

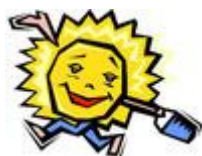
Half Day

9:00-11:30	Mon thru Fri	\$570
12:30-3:00	Mon, Wed, Fri	\$384

Extended Day

9:00-2:30	Mon thru Fri	\$1044
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TUITION & FEES



Explorers

(For children entering/ completing K)

Add \$20 per session to above fee

Add On Options

Add the fee listed to the tuition of your regularly scheduled morning program, per session.

In Addition to Morning Programs		Add to Tuition
11:30-2:30	Mon, Wed, Fri	\$384
11:30-2:30	Tues and Thurs	248

	Before School <i>7:30-9:00</i>	Lunch <i>11:30-12:30</i>
1 day per week	\$32	\$44
2 days per week	48	72
3 days per week	60	94
4 days per week	72	112
5 days per week	82	130
"Drop in" per day	12	12

Children attending lunch bring their own lunch. CLC will provide milk each day.

General Fees

\$25 New Student: Application Fee

\$15 Tot Bag Fee: (Optional for summer only students)

A DEPOSIT OF \$100.00 PER SESSION DUE MAY 1, 2008. This amount confirms your child's enrollment. **This deposit is not refundable or applicable to other programs should your child not attend CLC Summer Camp or be withdrawn for either Session.** The remaining tuition is due on the first day of each session.

Schedule a Tour Today!

Visit us! Tours, led by a Director and scheduled in advance, provide the opportunity for observing our program in action. For more information, or to schedule a visit, please call us at (925) 837-4044.