

# Creative Learning Center

## December 2016

Please visit our website at [www.clcalamo.com](http://www.clcalamo.com).

### Dates to Remember

December 23 - January 6  
Winter Break - NO SCHOOL

#### Monday, January 9

Classes Resume

#### Monday, January 16

Martin Luther King Day - NO SCHOOL

#### Thursday and Friday, February 2 and 3

Parent/Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL

### Short on time for Holiday prep?

Gift yourself the "gift of time" by  
extending your child's engaging morning into the afternoon.  
Add Lunch and/or Rainbow Enrichment 11:30 or 12:30 to 3:30.  
Call or email the office to confirm availability and happy shopping!

### CLC Health Policy

A reminder...make sure your child is HEALTHY when coming to school. Our Health Policy is to keep your children home from school for 24 HOURS after Diarrhea, Fever, Flu Symptoms or Vomiting. Our complete Health Policy was distributed at the beginning of school. If you need an updated flyer, please see the office.

### December Theme

Theme: Who is Coming to Our House?  
Celebrations, Family Traditions, Cultures, Special Days

#### Letters of the Week

Dec. 5-9	G g
Dec. 12-16	O o
Dec. 19-22	S s

## Happy Holidays

As the calendar days wane, the tempo of our lives increases. There's excitement in the air at holiday time as the traditional sentiments of love and sharing rekindle themselves in each of us.

We at Creative Learning Center feel especially privileged to share all this with you and your children. As we reflect on a full year of warmth and friendship, our holiday spirits are high indeed!

Our monthly newsletter provides us with the opportunity to thank individuals for specific gifts or services but too infrequently do we extend our deep-felt thanks to all of our families in our school for the constant support and caring that you give throughout the year. We would also like to extend a huge "Thank You" to all of the faithful parent participants who have diligently given their time to add that special touch to our program. Your enthusiasm is greatly appreciated!

Have a Wonderful Holiday Season. We wish Health, Love, and Peace to all of you in the New Year!

## Junior Kindergarten

For our families with children turning 4 by September 1, 2017, we invite you to visit our JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN program to see if it is a good fit for your child next school year (2017-2018). A good time to visit is 9:00 am or 1:00 pm. Please call the office at (925) 837-4044 to set up a time to observe.

## What's Happening?

Thank you to CLC families for supporting the Pledge to Humanity Candy Drive after Halloween. Local middle school and high school students helped with sorting and packaging hundreds and hundreds of pounds of candy to be sent in care packages to our troops through Blue Star Moms.

Our annual Friendship Fruit Salad was the highlight of the month. All of the Together Time groups brought in different fruits to share in preparing the delicious fruit salad. Together Time areas were decorated with colorful place mats that the children created and designed.

## Together Time Highlights



### Science, Motor and Music

- Teacher Lynne and our SCIENTISTS observed the results of the changing weather as the leaves turned beautiful colors and fell from the trees.
- We spent the month in MOTOR with Teacher Courtney doing ribbon sticks, parachute fun, yoga poses, mastering the correct way to forward somersault, and practicing fun obstacle courses.
- In MUSIC with Teacher Jan we learned "Over the River and Through the Woods" through a book that depicts this Thanksgiving song in the 1800's. An illustration of the dapple gray horse in the book leads straight into "Jingle Bells", one of the most loved sleigh ride songs. We loved the "Five Little Turkeys" finger puppet chant and sang and learned the dance "Any Turkey Can Tango."

Turkey Dinner  
Sung to the tune of "Frere Jacques."

turkey dinner, turkey dinner  
gather round, gather round  
who will get the drumstick, the yummy yummy drumstick  
all sit down, all sit down  
cornbread muffins, chestnut stuffing  
pumpkin pie, ten feet high!  
we were all much thinner  
before we ate our dinner  
me oh my, me oh my!



### Mary's Orange Tigers

- Dave brought his drums and we danced
- Sang about Dinosaurs
- Painted turkeys
- Constructed turkeys out of pattern blocks

### Chieko's Red Rock Stars

- Tasted different color apples and voted on our favorite ones
- Read the story of "The Rainbow Fish" and created our own rainbow fish
- Discussed what we were thankful for before we had our Friendship Feast
- Sang "How Much is That Doggie in the Window"

### Susan's Yellow Bees

- Made letter "A" alligators with big triangle teeth
- Tasted red, yellow, and green apples and voted for our favorite -- yellow won!
- Read about dinosaurs and had fun creating our own
- Talked about what makes us thankful -- our families!



### Linda's Blue Birds

- Learned about ants and created our own egg carton ants
- Worked on our scissor skills cutting out acorns in Autumn
- Measured, mixed, baked and enjoyed some delicious healthy baked donuts
- Created Thanksgiving placemats using our handprints as turkeys

### Marie's Green Geckos

- Sang "The Ants Go Marching" counting 1 to 10
- Tasted apples and voted for our favorite
- Danced to the "Turkey Pokey"
- Sang and acted out "We are the Dinosaurs"

### Lindi's Purple Pandas

- Flew airplanes to our favorite places
- Sang and danced to "Five Little Ducks"
- Danced the "Turkey Pokey"
- Painted with our fingers

### Lindi's PM Red Apples

- Made alligators and acted out "Five Little Monkeys"
- Painted and laced dream catchers
- Decorated turkey crowns and talked about what we are thankful for
- Created fabulous fancy feathery fans

### Lynne's PM Blue Birds

- Made tie dye apples, sang and talked about apples, discovered what color they are and how they taste
- Began learning the days of the week and talked about the calendar
- Created turkey art as we talked about and explored Thanksgiving traditions
- Made hand print dinosaurs

### Marisha's PM Purple Pandas

- Learned a new song "Five Little Turkeys"
- Charted our apple tasting
- Cut out shapes to make dinosaur art
- Colored a dog and traced the letter "D"

### Marisha's PM Golden Stars

- Measured and prepared apple crisp
- Made hand print turkey placemats
- Played D is for Donut game to practice counting
- Created dot marker art

## Staff Spotlight

This month our staff spotlight is shining bright on Teacher Marisha, our afternoon Purple Panda and Golden Star teacher. Marisha was born in New Haven, Connecticut and grew up in Danville, CA. She attended Diablo Valley College, California State University Northridge, and Cal. State Univ. San Francisco, majoring in Adolescent Development with a concentration in Children and Family Services. Marisha lives in Pittsburg with her husband and three children and likes to hike, jog, shop and do arts and crafts in her free time, and enjoys spending time with her family and friends.

*"It is an honor to take part in helping children reach their developmental milestones and be a positive role model for them. Children are the future. It is our responsibility to ensure they grow in a positive light."*

## It's My Birthday!

*December Birthdays - Let's Celebrate!*

Caleb, Eli, Miles A, Jack E, Kate S, Love, Wesley R