

Creative Learning Center

October 2016

Please visit our website at www.clcalamo.com.

Dates to Remember

October 5-6 - School Photos

October 10-13 and 17-20 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 31 - Halloween Parade (details to follow)

November 11 - Veteran's Day - NO SCHOOL

October Curriculum

Theme: Reach for the Stars
Solar system, Astronauts, Space Ships, Climate

Math Concept: Sorting

Letters of the Week

Oct. 3-7	L l
Oct. 10-14	J j
Oct. 17-21	C c
Oct. 24-28	C c
Oct. 31 - Nov. 4	A a

Join Our Rainbow Enrichment Program!

We have openings in our **Afternoon Rainbow Enrichment** program from 12:30 to 3:30. Spread the word! Space is available on a regularly scheduled or drop-in basis. Our afternoon program includes a wealth of creative, educational activities.

What's Happening?

September was an exciting month as everyone became familiar with each other and the daily routine of Creative Learning Center. Our first monthly theme "All About Me" was a wonderful platform that allowed the together time groups to get to know one another and learn the school routines.

Our first Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for October 10-13 and October 17-20, dates depending upon your child's Teacher. The staff looks forward to having the time to meet with parents. So that we might accommodate your preferences, please give us your 1st, 2nd and 3rd time choices on the questionnaire you receive at Back to School Night and return your form to the office ASAP.

PLEASE NOTE: WE DO NOT PROVIDE CHILDCARE FOR THESE CONFERENCES.

October 31st is the day of our annual Halloween Parade. It's a great opportunity for all of our parents to capture those special preschool memories on film. All families are welcome, even if it isn't your child's regular school day. The Parade will take place rain or shine, indoors if necessary due to inclement weather.

School Photos

School photo days are Wednesday, October 5 and Thursday, October 6. You will not be asked to pay anything in advance. After the images are ready, you will receive proofs to choose from. Various size choices and digital negatives will be available to order if you choose.

Tee Shirts

We now have 3 sizes and 2 colors to choose from in CLC tees:
4T, 6T and Youth XS - Red or Royal Blue
Shirts are \$12 each and can be ordered through our office.

October 15 Preschool Mini Run for Education

Check out the **2016 Annual Mini Run for Education**, hosted by Stanford Children's Health! This fun filled 1 lap or 50 yard dash was created to give 2-5 year old preschool children a unique race experience, ending with an exciting balloon arch finish line, medals for everyone, and surprise kid swag! The Mini Run takes place on **Saturday October 15th at 4PM at Iron Horse Middle School in San Ramon.** [Click here for info!](#) On their website, click on Register Today and then scroll down to Mini Run for all of the details.

Pledge to Humanity Candy Drive Nov. 1-4

We will be collecting Halloween Candy as you drop off and pick up your children November 1-4. The candy will be donated to Blue Star Moms and sent in care packages to our troops overseas. For more information, see www.PledgeToHumanity.org.

Together Time Highlights



Motor, Science and Music

- For our first 2 weeks of MOTOR time with Teacher Courtney, we have learned how to walk like a crab sideways on the tumbling mat, the difference between a hop and a jump while trying the hopscotch, how to crawl through a large green alligator tunnel, and a few new warm up songs, and music and movement dances!
- In SCIENCE with teacher Lynne we will be exploring the properties of water this month. We will learn about absorption by watching how water beads grow once they are in water; we will learn about measuring and pouring and how much water a container can hold; we will have fun with ice and discover what is ice and what makes it melt. Anyone can be a scientist...all they need to do is wonder and observe the world around them!
- We started the new school year in MUSIC with Teacher Jan with our school song: "Aye yi yi yikus, no one is like us. We are the kids from Creative Learning Center. Always a winning always a grinning and ready to say Hello, goodbye, stick your face in apple pie, ooey gooey, chop suey criss cross apple sauce, moldy green, jelly bean, ding dong dinner time, brussels sprouts with chicken wing and now it's time for us to sing!"

Movement songs were "Hip Hop" (Gary Lapow), "The Noble Duke of York", "Peel the Banana" (check it out on YouTube), and "The Pussy Willow Song".

I shared my jig doll who dances on a platform and introduced a song about Flip Flap Jack...the man who was made of food and danced upon the table. We also did spider songs including the original version of "The Eensy Weensy Spider" and the Australian Version.

Mary's Orange Tigers

- Wrote and illustrated "All About Me" books
- Painted with shaving cream
- Learned our initials
- Acted out the letter "I"

Chieko's Red Rock Stars

- Experimented with colors and painted color wheels
- Mixed ingredients to make ice pops
- Explored the letter "I, i" and created ice cream cones and iguanas
- Practiced writing our names and learned other rock star's names

Susan's Yellow Bees

- Sang a new Yellow Bee song so we could clap the syllables in each other's names
- Experimented by mixing primary paints to make secondary colors
- Enjoyed a cold treat by turning lemonade (a liquid) into an ice pop (a solid)
- Talked about the anatomy of a tree and then created one in art form

Linda's Blue Birds

- Met new friends, learned we are Blue Birds, and created our own blue birds
- Discovered what happens when you mix two primary paint colors together with your hands
- Practiced our cutting skills cutting "ice blocks" for an igloo and gluing cut paper inside a circle
- Examined real turtle and tortoise shells and discussed the similarities and differences between them

Marie's Green Geckos

- Worked on school routines and learned the names of the friends in our group
- Sorted shapes by their name
- Experimented with turning primary colors into secondary colors
- Made the letter "I, i" with our bodies

Lindi's Purple Pandas

- Established Together Time routines
- Learned the names of our new friends
- Measured, stirred and painted with "ice cream"
- Mixed and experimented with primary colors

Lindi's PM Red Apples

- Learned about each new friend in our group
- Completed a collaborative book using our imaginations
- Painted with colorful ice cubes
- Cut and pasted "Pete the Cat" puppets

Charlene's PM Blue Birds

- Settled into the new school routine and met our new friends
- Learned our "Greeting Song"
- Made Blue Birds out of spin art
- Worked on fine motor skills by beading Blue Bird necklaces

Marisha's PM Purple Pandas

- Learned friend's names through greeting songs
- Introduced Letter "I" by reading "Penguins on Vacation", an island story
- Made islands with sand and tree cut-outs
- Discussed the weather, calendar and birthdays

Marisha's Golden Stars

- Sang greeting songs and learned our new friend's names
- Read "Iguana on Ice" and learned about letter "I"
- Painted with colorful ice
- Discussed the weather, calendar and birthdays

Staff Spotlight

This October focuses on Chieko, our Red Rock Star Teacher. Chieko has been with CLC as a Science Specialist and Together Time Teacher since 2010. She received her B.A. from University of California, Davis, and her Teaching Credential from San Jose State University. Before joining CLC she taught in the SRVUSD, in the Palo Alto USD and several ECE programs. Chieko enjoys skiing and gardening.

"My hope is that kids will feel like CLC is their second home. They should feel welcome, safe, comfortable and excited!"

It's My Birthday!

October Birthdays - Let's Celebrate!
Andrew W, Brooke, Hadley and Samuel

