

Creative Learning Center

September 2016

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Dates to Remember

Thursday, September 1 and Friday, September 2 - First days of school

Monday, September 5 - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, September 21 - Back to School Night for all parents

Wednesday, October 5 and Thursday, October 6 - School Photos

September Theme

Theme: All About Me

Math Focus: Shapes

Letters of the Week

Sept 1-9 Where's My Cubby?

Sept 12-16 Colors

Sept 19-23 I i

Sept 26-30 T t

Afternoon Rainbow Enrichment

Spaces are available for your child to join our afternoon Rainbow Enrichment program. Our afternoons are jam packed with engaging, exciting in-depth themes such as Breads Around the World, The Life Cycle of the butterfly and Learning to Speak Spanish.

Back to School Night

We look forward to our FIRST EVENT of the year!

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT Wednesday, September 21 7:30 to 8:30 pm

Back-to-School Night is a special evening for parents (no children, please) to get better acquainted with each other and the Creative Learning Center's staff and programs, as well as a chance for you to meet with your child's Together Time teacher in a small group. Look for BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT details coming soon.

Photos Needed

Reminder to Returning Families: Please send in a new photo for your child's cubby (only 1 please).

New Students: Our new children are invited to bring 2-3 photos of him/herself with other family members or pets. These photos will be cut, so please only send photos that you do not want back. The children enjoy arranging themselves with family members, along with creating new families and friendships with the photo magnets.

No Nuts, Please

Please help us keep everyone allergy safe:
NO peanut butter, nuts or products with nuts in your child's lunch.

Parent Participation

Your Back to School packet includes information about becoming a classroom volunteer. It's a win-win! You enjoy observing your child interact at preschool and learn from the positive role modeling of our professional teaching staff and CLC gains another pair of helping hands. Let us know if you can join our engaging classroom!

Tuition Deposits

Please note that your invoice for September 2016 will be for a full month program plus a \$50 Annual Curriculum Fee. New Students will also be invoiced \$15 for new tote bags. The deposit you paid last spring, or recently, will be applied to tuition in June 2017.

Staff Highlights

Adeela joined our CLC teaching team in 2011 and continues as our Junior Kindergarten Teacher Aide. She received her ECE training at University of California, Santa Cruz, and previously taught preschool at several local preschools.

Charlene joins our teaching team this school year as both a morning teacher and the afternoon Blue Together Time teacher. She comes to us with a wealth of local teaching experience, as well as a B.A. in Communications and a Special Ed Credential (in process) from St. Mary's College. Additionally, she has ECE coursework from DVC. Welcome, Charlene!

Chieko has been with CLC since 2010. She will be teaching our Red Together Time group again this year. She received her B.A. from the University of California, Davis, and her Teaching Credential from San Jose State University. Chieko has previously taught for the SRVUSD, the Palo Alto USD, as well as several ECE programs.

Linda joined CLC in 1999. She received her B.S. in Child Development from University of California, Davis, and previously taught locally, as well as in Oklahoma. She is our early morning arrival teacher, and our Blue Together Time Teacher.

Lindi joined CLC last school year and will be working with our morning Purple Together Time group and afternoon Red Together Time group this year. She was graduated from the University of Georgia with a B.S. in Special Education and holds certifications in Early Childhood Education. Before joining CLC she taught preschool in New York City and Georgia.

Marie has been with CLC since 2006. She received her B.A. in Human Development from Cal State University, Hayward, and also has additional ECE training from DVC. Marie has previously been a Special Education teacher aide with San Ramon Valley Unified School District and is our Green Together Time Teacher.

Marisha joined our teaching team last year, having previously taught at local preschools in Lafayette and San Ramon. She attended DVC and California State University, San Francisco, where she majored in Child and Adolescent Development. She is our afternoon Purple Together Time teacher this year.

Mary is our Junior Kindergarten teacher. She joined Creative Learning Center in 1990, and received her B.A. from Chico State University and Early Childhood Education training from Diablo Valley College.

Mary Anne continues with us as a morning Teacher Aide, having joined us last year. She received her ECE training at DVC and has experience at several local programs.

Renee is joining us this school year as both a morning and afternoon Teacher Aide. She attended California State University, Fullerton, as well as DVC. She has experience as a nanny and summer camp counselor. In addition, she is an Intern for a local theater group company. Welcome, Renee!

Susan completed her Associate Teacher certificate in Early Childhood Education from DVC and also holds a B.A. in Journalism from Cal State University, Sacramento. Susan joined our CLC team in 2007 and is teaching our Yellow Together Time group this school year.

SPECIALISTS

Courtney of Tiny Tumblers, continues this year as our Monday Motor Specialist. 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.

Jan has been our Wednesday 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.

Lynne continues as our Friday Science Specialist. Lynne brings a wealth of expertise as an ECE professional, including experience as a Preschool Teacher and Director. She received her ECE training at DVC. Lynne looks forward to creating engaging, creative, hands-on science activities - questioning, researching, hypothesizing, testing, analyzing and concluding.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Lorena Ferris, our Program Director, received her ECE 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 Carmel, 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.

Julie Nejedly, our Office Manager, joined our CLC staff in 2012. Her background includes a B.A. from University of the Pacific in Economics, as well as a wealth of administrative and volunteer leadership experience.

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