

Creative Learning Center

February 2018

Please visit our website at www.clcalamo.com.

Dates to Remember

Thursday and Friday, February 1 and 2

Parent Conferences - NO SCHOOL

(Childcare during your conference time)

February 7 - 21

Collection for the Food Bank of Contra Costa County. Please bring items to school by Wednesday, February 21. Thank you for your support!

Monday, February 5 to Thursday, February 15

(or after your Parent Conference)

Turn in Re-Enrollment Forms for priority Re-Enrollment

Tuesday and Wednesday, February 13 and 14

Valentine's Celebrations (info distributed at Conferences)

Monday, February 19

President's Day - NO SCHOOL

February Theme

Theme: Who Are the People in Your Neighborhood?

Occupations, Helping Hands, Manners

Math focus: Measurement

Letters of the Week

Feb. 5-9	H h
Feb. 12-16	N n
Feb. 20-23	U u
Feb. 26-Mar. 2	M m

Re-Enrollment Information

CLC Re-Enrollment information for Summer 2018 and the 2018-19 school year was sent via email and will be available in hard copy at Conferences. Please return your Re-Enrollment Form on Monday, February 5, or asap following your conference. Forms turned in by February 15 receive priority over new incoming CLC students.

Tax ID

For those of you working on your income taxes...our Tax ID # is 68-0189008.

What's Happening?

As the month of February begins, we have scheduled our annual parent/teacher conferences for Thursday and Friday, February 1 and 2. Our staff looks forward to meeting with you and having the time to discuss your child's developmental growth and interests, along with discussing placement for the coming school year. Childcare will be provided during these conferences, but there is NO SCHOOL on these days.

Together Time Highlights



Motor, Science and Music

- January was a fun month exploring SCIENCE with Teacher Lynne! We made our own snow from hair conditioner and baking soda and found a surprise - it was actually cold to the touch; we predicted what would happen in our static electricity butterfly wing experiment; and conducted a racing raisin experiment guessing what would happen when we put raisins into ginger ale - bubbles, bubbles, bubbles!
- We worked on basic MOTOR development skills so that Teacher Courtney could do evaluations for review with your child's Together Time Teacher during upcoming Conferences. We worked on our eye/hand coordination involving bean bag tosses, horse shoe toss, and basketball!
- During January MUSIC with Teacher Jan, we learned "Cho-co-la-te" in Spanish to the rhythm of the Mexican "mollinillo" (a frothing tool for hot chocolate made of turned wood); listened to Vivaldi's "Winter" from "The Four Seasons" while looking at Robert Sabuda's wonderful pop up book Winter's Tale; practiced active movement songs "Little Tommy Tinker," "The Noble Duke of York," and "Stand on Your Tippy Toes" to warm us up during cold weather days; sang a rain cycle song with hand motions by Tom Chapin, "The Wheel of the Water," one of our favorites; and learned to sing another rain song and round from old times, "It's raining it's pouring, the old man is snoring." More fun in music was learning "We all Sing with the Same Voice" (as seen on Sesame Street) along with the book by J. Philip Miller and Sheppard M. Greene and the recording sung by Lisa Monet; and, Jan shared her big red plastic horn, a kazoo collection, and Matthew Golub's book The Jazz Fly.

Here is a link to make your own kazoo at home with wax paper and an empty toilet paper roll. [How to Make a Kazoo](#)



Mary's Orange Tigers

The highlight of January is Stone Soup! Orange Tigers...

- Learned the song
- Listened to the story
- Chopped potatoes, carrots, onions and put together delicious soup
- For "S" week, we learned the proper way to shake hands

Chieko's AM Red Rock Stars

- Created snowflakes
- Tasted scrambled eggs and hard boiled eggs
- Practiced writing our names and letters
- Cut out R's and made them into rainbows and sang "The Colors of the Rainbow"

Susan's AM Yellow Bees

- Built our own paper snow people
- Baked biscuit elephants with enormous eyes and ears
- Made rabbit puppets who had a lot to say
- Had a lot of fun playing with rhyming words!

Linda's AM Blue Birds

- Used our hand prints to make shining suns
- Created stunning snowflakes with strawberry basket bottoms
- Worked on our scissor skills cutting out egg shapes and decorating them
- Read "Rosie Rabbit's Radish" and tasted radishes and decided if we like them

Marie's AM Green Grapes

- Sang "Pete the Cat" version of "The Wheels on the Bus"
- Worked on our scissor skills cutting out an egg shape
- Raced our car on a road that we negotiated and constructed together

Lindi's AM Purple Pandas

- Made snow slime to squeeze and smoosh
- Experimented with water and shaving cream to create rainbow rain in a tank
- Learned about the colors of the rainbow through a song
- Discovered a rainbow-making robot that covered our classroom in tiny rainbows

Susan's PM Red Apples

- Welcomed a new Red Apple, Siobhan
- Created silly, smiling sharks
- Mailed pictures in envelopes to our families
- Created rainbow rockets that counted down to *blast off!*

Lynne's PM Blue Butterflies

- Imagined what it would be like to live in a snow globe and created one
- Worked on cutting skills
- Continued practicing writing our names
- Learned different ways to classify - by color, shape and size

Lindi's PM Green Gators

- Measured and mixed sparkly slime
- Created elephant masks and danced like our favorite animals
- Used rectangles to make robots and danced robotically
- Blasted off to the Green Gator planet in our very own rocket ship

Staff Spotlight

This month our staff spotlight shines brightly on Lindi. She is our morning Purple Panda Teacher and our afternoon Green Gator Teacher. Lindi was graduated from the University of Georgia with a B.S. in Special Education and holds certifications in Early Childhood Education. Before joining CLC 3 years ago, she taught preschool in New York City and Georgia. Lindi enjoys hiking, cooking, kayaking and exploring her neighborhood in Oakland with her puppy.

Working with these children gives me so much joy. Watching them play and express themselves freely makes me think of a quote by A.A. Milne:

"Sometimes, if you stand on the bottom rail of a bridge and lean over to watch the river slipping slowly away beneath you, you will suddenly know everything there is be known."

It's My Birthday!

February Birthdays - Let's Celebrate!
Diego, Doug, Emmy B, Lia, Lucca S, Sophia & Vivian

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