

Creative Learning Center

January 2018

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Please visit our website at www.clcalamo.com.

Dates to Remember

Monday, January 8

Classes Resume - Note: January billing statements will arrive via email Jan. 8 and be due on Jan. 15

Monday, January 15

Martin Luther King Day - NO SCHOOL

Thursday, January 18

Pajama Day

Thursday and Friday, February 1 and 2

Parent/Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL - Childcare for CLC students and siblings 2 years and over provided during conference time - Add'l Conference times available Tues. and Wed. for Orange Tigers

Tuesday and Wednesday, February 13 and 14

Valentine Celebrations - More info to come

January Theme

Theme: There is No Place Like Space

Math focus: Classifying

Letters of the Week

Jan 8-12 S s

Jan 16-19 E e

Jan 22-31 R r

Food Drive for Food Bank of Contra Costa County

CLC will participate in a Food Drive during the week of February 12-16, 2018. We invite you to donate one can of food along with your child's Valentines for our Valentine Celebrations February 13 and 14. We will continue collecting canned food, dry beans, rice, pasta, cereal and other non-glass food items throughout the week. Thank you for taking the time to care for those less fortunate and for helping to instill the gift of caring for others in your child's life.

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.

Junior Kindergarten

For our families with children turning 4 by September 1, 2018, we invite you to visit our JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN program to see if it is a good fit for your child next school year (2018-2019). A good time to visit is 9:15 am. Please call the office at (925) 837-4044 to set up a time to observe.

What's Happening?

Our December theme, "Home Sweet Home", gave the children a wonderful opportunity to learn about family celebrations and traditions. Thank you to all the families that came in to share with their child's together time groups about their family culture and customs. It was a fun time for all of the children to hear about and participate in these special holiday activities.

Together Time Highlights



Motor, Science and Music

- We started off the month in MOTOR with mounting and dismounting on/off the padded fault. We learned how to do a tuck jump off of the vault! The rest of the month, Teacher Courtney will be doing evaluations of the children's progress, for upcoming conferences next year.
- In SCIENCE with Teacher Lynne we wrapped up the 5 senses unit by playing some games! We identified animal sounds (sense of hearing), guessed what was in the bag by using our hands (sense of touch), and tried to guess how something might taste by tasting things that were sweet, salty, bitter and sour.
- We sang and enjoyed MUSIC with Teacher Jan in December: "Love can Build a Bridge" is a beautiful book about compassion and features Naomi Judd singing the song. Jan shared a lovely book illustrating the lyrics of "My Favorite Things" from "The Sound of Music" film. Then comes the traditional list:

"Jingle Bells", "Jingle Bell Rock", "Rudolph", "Blitzen's Boogie", "I have a Little Dreidle", "Silent Night", "Deck The Halls", "We Wish you a Merry Christmas", "Felice Navidad", "The Hanukkah Menorah", "Frosty, the Snowman", "The Twelve Days of Christmas", and the Book and Song of "The Marvelous Toy" by Tom Paxton. December is also a good time for "The Belly Button Song" and book by Sandra Boynton.



Mary's Orange Tigers

- Authored a book of fairytales
- Decorated and sang about gingerbread men
- Sang and illustrated "Green Grass Grew All Around"
- Made special Get Well cards for Teacher Mary

Chieko's Red Rock Stars

- Baked a gingerbread man and then went on a gingerbread hunt when they escaped from the oven
- Learned to make snowflakes
- Read about the ocean and then created our own ocean
- Practiced writing our names

Susan's Yellow Bees

- Dylan's Mommy shared some wonderful traditions of Hanukkah
- Read "The Rainbow Fish" and thought about friendship
- Talked about the choices Goldilocks made at the Bears' house
- Mixed colors and made "O" paintings

Linda's AM Blue Birds

- Painted special gifts for our family
- Created frogs out of paper tubes that we painted green
- Used our painted handprints to make ghosts
- Practiced our scissor skills cutting paper for an orange "O" and an oval to create an owl

Marie's Green Grapes

- Negotiated a shape matching game
- Talked about opposites
- Sang our favorite song "Slippery Fish"

Lindi's AM Purple Pandas

- Experimented with glitter and glue
- Created owls and acted out the book "Little Owl's Night"
- Created edible bracelets with Cheerios
- Mixed special "snow" paint to make snowmen

Susan's PM Red Apples

- Started drawing in our journals
- Made fire trucks out of various shapes
- Practiced writing our letters and thought "G" was tricky!
- Talked about opposites and illustrated day and night

Lynne's PM Blue Butterflies

- Created a fire fighter that looked like us
- Counted gumballs in our gumball machines
- Cut, pasted and decorated gingerbread boys and girls, owls and oranges
- Celebrated snow by making a snow globe with our pictures inside them

Lindi's PM Green Gators

- Welcomed Golden Bear friends to our group with teamwork activities
- Performed the story of "The Gingerbread Man"
- Rolled golf balls in green paint to make green 'gators
- Cut small, medium, and large circles to create snowmen

Staff Spotlight

This month our staff spotlight is shining bright on Teacher Linda. Linda lives in Danville and enjoys a busy schedule with her family. She received her B.S. in Child Development from U. C. Davis and joined CLC in 1998. Linda is our early arrival teacher and teaches our morning "Blue Birds".

"I truly love working with young children, so choosing a career in Early childhood Education seemed to be an obvious and natural choice for me. To be able to watch their development through the year and know that I have been able to contribute to that is a very rewarding feeling. I can't imagine not having children in my life, they keep me young at heart and teach me so much!"

It's My Birthday!

January Birthdays - Let's Celebrate!
Ari, Emily, Emmie M, Jay, Kailette,
Lindsey, Malia, Oliver, Rex, & Sophie

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