

Creative Learning Center

April 2017

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Dates to Remember

April 1

Tuition deposits due for Summer Camp 2017 and 2017-18 School Year

April 3-7

Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

Monday, April 10

School resumes after Spring Break

April Theme

Theme: A Peek at a Pond - Ecosystems, conserving, water cycle, weather

Math Focus: Simple Additions

Letters of the Week

April 3-7	Spring Break
April 10-14	B b
April 17-21	K k
April 24-28	W w

Tax ID

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

Do you know...?

If your morning child is already signed up for lunch bunch, they can join us for our Afternoon Rainbow Enrichment program until 3:30 pm on a regularly scheduled or "drop in" basis...any day! If your child is already attending in the afternoon on M/W/F or T/TH, other afternoons can be added.

Call the office at (925) 837-4044 or email us at clcalamo@sbcglobal.net to schedule an afternoon of challenging and engaging enrichment activities.

What's Happening?

Of course, what would March be without a visit from some friendly Leprechauns? The children were so thrilled and excited to find the entire backyard shimmering with shamrocks, gold coins and gold! Our Friday students took their turn enjoying Pajama Day at the end of the month, wrapping up a fun and busy beginning of Spring.

Together Time Highlights



Motor, Music and Science

- We did many tumbling acrobatics on the tumbling mat, learned different balancing yoga planks, learned how to do a tuck jump off of the vault, and did animal walks wearing all sorts of different animal masks in MOTOR time with Teacher Courtney.
- March MUSIC with Teacher Jan began with "March" - a rousing Celtic marching tune from the Music K-8 collection - marching around in time with the music. We shared the book/song "Michael Finnegan" and the Irish Bodhran drum and a chant called "The Leprechauns are Marching!" Lyrics are printed below, and also to "The Wearing of the Green" and "Irish Lullaby". March is also a fine time to sing "Let's Go Fly a Kite" from the musical "Mary Poppins"!
 - *I'm a little Leprechaun dressed in green. The tiniest Leprechaun you've ever seen. If you ever catch me, so I'm told, I'll give you my pot of gold.* (to the tune of I'm a Little Tea Pot.)
 - *Today is the day for the wearing' of the green,
Today is the day when the little people are seen,
Today is St. Patrick's day and if you're Irish me lad,
Come join the celebration for the finest time to be had.
You put your hand up in the air, the other on your hip;
You tap your heel you tap your toe, you bend your knees a wee bit;
You dance and prance around the room and circle one two three,
The Saints be praised, I must admit...Y'all look Irish to me!*
 - *When I was just a baby and my spirits low would be, My mother sang this song to me and happy again I would be. This simple little ditty brings a tear now to my eye:
Sing Tura lura lural, That's an Irish lullaby
Too-ra-loo-ra-loo-ral, Too-ra-loo-ra-li,
Too-ra-loo-ra-loo-ral, Hush, now don't you cry!
Too-ra-loo-ra-loo-ral, Too-ra-loo-ra-li,
Too-ra-loo-ra-loo-ral, That's an Irish lullaby.*

- In **SCIENCE** with Teacher Lynne we explored the 5 Senses: seeing whirly gigs for color recognition; touching using the feeling bag game, tasting sweet and sour oranges, lemons, salt and sugar; smelling flavors and seasonings; and, hearing all the fun around us in the classroom and back yard.

Mary's Orange Tigers

- **Participated in a Penny Hunt and Picnic in the yard**
- **Put together paper penguins**
- **Painted with pink and purple paint**
- **Sang "The Pizza Song"**

Chieko's Red Rock Stars

- **Practiced writing our letters and the sounds that go with them**
- **Baked pretzels and ate them**
- **Celebrated wearing of the green and made Leprechauns**
- **Created beautiful butterflies and learned about the butterfly life cycle**

Susan's Yellow Bees

- **Made yummy raspberry-lemon muffins**
- **Read "The Night of the Paper Bag Monsters" and talked about friendship**
- **Mixed paint to make pink and purple paintings**
- **Enjoyed popcorn, pretzels, and pickles on a picnic with pals. Perfect!**

Linda's AM Blue Birds

- **Tasted fresh mango after reading "Marti and the Mango"**
- **Worked on our scissor skills cutting out mice and full moons**
- **Examined real peacock feathers and created our own peacocks with handprints**
- **Made pretzels from scratch and enjoyed them in our pajamas with popcorn**

Marie's Green Geckos

- **Read and acted out the story of "The Mitten"**
- **Worked on scissor skills cutting paper**
- **Negotiated putting an alphabet train puzzle together**
- **Sang "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?"**

Lindi's Purple Pandas

- **Performed "Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed"**
- **Cut out and pasted purple polka-dotted P's**
- **Measured and mixed purple pancakes**
- **Tasted pineapple at a Pirate's Picnic in Pajamas!**

Lindi's PM Red Apples

- Measured and mixed blueberry muffins
- Created giant puddles with paint
- Followed clues from Pirate Pete's Treasure Map to find our Pirate Picnic
- Painted with bunny balloons

Lynne's PM Blue Birds

- Celebrated a 4th Birthday counting 4 graham crackers for each friend
- Practiced cutting skills by making a mouse, a monster and a pig
- Discovered a new fruit by tasting pineapple
- Participated in listening and learning at our new Together Time table

Marisha's PM Purple Pandas

- Read "Birthday Moon"
- Mixed glue and shaving cream to paint a 3-D Moon
- Measured and mixed ingredients for banana muffins
- Tasted and chatted pineapples and peaches

Marisha's PM Golden Stars

- Tasted pineapple
- Made pineapple handprints
- Searched and counted letter M's
- Made pizza together

Staff Spotlight

This month our staff spotlight is shining bright on our Yellow Bee Teacher, Susan. Susan has been with CLC for ten years. She has an Early Childhood Master Teacher Certificate from Diablo Valley College, a B.A. in Journalism from California State University, Sacramento, and an A.A. in Math/Science. She worked in television as a writer/producer before buzzing around with the Yellow Bees.

"For me, teaching is a lot like being on a roller coaster. There are so many twists and turns and the thrill of something new every second of the trip. I've had a lot of fun taking this exciting ride with your children."

Baby News

CLC joins Miles and family in welcoming a new baby brother!

It's My Birthday!

April Birthdays - Let's Celebrate!
Akaal, Amelia, Anderson, Austin,
Bridget, Evan G, Gretchen, Kaitlyn, Kylie,
Mila, Penelope, Robbie E, Soren, Vaughn

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