

Creative Learning Center

March 2017

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Dates to Remember

March 1

Deadline for Re-Enrollment Forms

Friday, March 17

Wearing O' the Green Day

Friday, March 24

Pajama Day

April 1

Summer and Fall Deposits Due

April 3-7

Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

March Theme

Theme: "The Secret Garden" - Gardening, seeds, butterflies, insects

Math focus: Graphing

Letters of the Week

Mar. 6-10 M m

Mar. 13-17 P p

Mar. 20-24 P p

Mar. 27-31 B b

Tax ID

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

What's Happening?

During February the children were busy creating colorful valentines for their families as well as enjoying their valentine exchange with their friends during together time. In addition, the donations to the Contra Costa County Food Bank added up to almost 300 pounds of love! That is 246 meals that will brighten many lives. Our sincere thanks for your generosity!

We look forward to Wearing O' the Green Day on Friday, March 17, and to another Pajama Day on Friday, March 25 making for a fun filled and busy month of March!

Together Time Highlights

Motor, Science and Music

- During MOTOR with Teacher Courtney we did parachute fun, backward somersaults, junior stilts and lots of ball drills throwing, bouncing and rolling the ball to each other.
- In SCIENCE with Teacher Lynne we continued STEM studies by making toothpick and marshmallow structures for practice in engineering, and studying math concepts AB patterns and sequencing (what comes next).
- In MUSIC with Teacher Jan the children were delighted by Jan's flute, maracas, keyboard, djembe drum and African thumb pianos (know as kalimbas and mbiras). Our song list highlighted Valentine's Day and included:
 - "I Like You, There's No Doubt About It"
 - "The Cuppycake Song" (check it out on YouTube)
 - "I Love You a Bushel and a Peck"
 - "'A' You're Adorable"
 - "Skidamarink"
 - Tony Chestnut (Toe, Knee, Chest, Nut, Nose Eye Love You)
 - "You Could Be My Friend"
 - Also, the "Chinese New Year Song" and for President's Birthdays, "Yankee Doodle"



Mary's Orange Tigers

- Painted still life camelias
- Put together paper chains
- Cut out and decorated houses
- Made maps of our hearts

Chieko's Red Rock Stars

- Created unicorn U's and unicorn headbands
- Celebrated Valentine's Day!
- Counted and added hearts
- Practiced writing, identifying and counting numbers

Susan's Yellow Bees

- Read "The Three Little Pigs" and built our own houses
- Gave our paper plate Harrys haircuts
- Made special red, white and blue neckklaces for Presidents' Day
- Created silly unicorn finger puppets

Linda's Blue Birds

- Lovingly created handprint heat Valentines for our families
- After reading "On the Nest", examined real nests and discussed how they were made; had fun making our own
- Worked on scissor skills cutting "N" shapes and turning them into night skies
- Measured, mixed & baked ingredients for delicious pineapple upside-down cake

Marie's Green Geckos

- Danced to the "Hokey Pokey"
- Learned about different types of nest building by birds
- Read "Let's Talk About Saying No"
- Brainstormed things that go up

Lindi's AM Purple Pandas

- Made fancy hats
- Celebrated Tu B'Shevat by planting flowers
- Cut and glued "grass" to create birds' nests
- Practiced counting with our number trains

Lindi's PM Red Apples

- Painted Valentines for our families
- Created fancy Valentine's Day hats
- Drew our houses at nighttime
- Sang the "Numeral Song" and practiced writing numbers

Lynne's PM Blue Birds

- Learned the letters in our names with Name Rockets
- Sang Valentine songs
- Categorized our names, including the ones that had the letter of the week and the ones that didn't
- Talked about love, who we love and who loves us!

Marisha's PM Penguins

- Read "Never Too Little to Love"
- Counted heart shapes
- Made N is for Nest art
- Traced our names and counted letters in our name

Marisha's Golden Stars

- Read "The Wind Blew"
- Made U is for Umbrella
- Traced our names
- Counted letters in our name

Staff Spotlight

This month our staff spotlight is shining bright on Teacher Marie. Marie joined our CLC team in September 2006. Prior to joining CLC, Marie worked as a Para Educator in the San Ramon Valley School District. She received her B.A. in Human Development from Cal State East Bay and ECE training through DVC.

"Childhood is a unique time of discovery and wonder.
I love being part of a child's learning experience."

It's My Birthday!

March Birthdays - Let's Celebrate!
Bea, Christian, Harper, Jackson,
Kingsley, Molly, Myles and Samantha G.

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