

Creative Learning Center

May 2017

Please visit our website at www.clcalamo.com.

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, May 9

PM Junior Kindergarten Mother's Day Tea - 2:00 to 3:10 pm

Thursday, May 11

AM Junior Kindergarten Mother's Day Tea - 10:00 to 11:10 am

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL

May Theme

Theme: Into the Wild -- Great outdoors, jungle, animals, nature

Math Focus: Recognizing Numbers

Letters of the Week

May 1-5	Y y
May 8-12	Q q
May 15-19	V v
May 22-26	X x

Reminder

With the weather warming up, we want to make sure the children are safe by wearing sandals with back straps and NOT flip flops. Also, please remember to apply sunscreen at home. Thank You!

Summer Camp Spaces Still Available

EXPLORERS

SESSION 1: June 20 - July 14

Week 1	Hola Amigos - The Language of Friendship
Week 2	Sound of Music
Week 3	International Junior Chefs
Week 4	The Deep Blue Sea

SESSION 2: July 17 - August 11

Week 1	It's a Small World
Week 2	Breads From Around the World
Week 3	Woodworking Shop
Week 4	It's a Bug's Life

CURIOUS CAMPERS

SESSION 1: June 20 - July 14

Week 1	Do You Want to be My Friend?
Week 2	Secret Birthday Message
Week 3	Walter the Baker
Week 4	Mister Seahorse

SESSION 2: July 17 - August 11

Week 1	Let's Paint a Rainbow
Week 2	The Tiny Seed
Week 3	What's For Lunch?
Week 4	Mountain That Loved a Bird

What's Happening?

CLC's Parent Feedback Survey was sent out last week. We really appreciate your responses and suggestions! If you haven't yet filled out a survey, we would welcome your participation.

Together Time Highlights

Motor, Music and Science



- MOTOR time with Teacher Courtney was spent focusing our bodies on balancing in many ways: yoga planks, scales on the balance beam and even balancing items on ourselves in the song "The Beanbag Bop"!
- Our songs for April with Teacher Jan in MUSIC were: "Five Little Ducks" with puppets, "Nature Starts a Song", "Baa Black Sheep" with added lyrics in the book by Iza Trapani, and a take off on "I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly" titled "I Know a Shy Fellow Who Swallowed a Cello". Jan brought her cello and played it as well. Movement songs included "Oliver Twist", "Warm Up in G", "I Was Born on a Farm Down in Iowa", Zippity Do Dah", "Baby Beluga", and Gary Lapow's "Look in a Book". We also did a listening session to the round "White Coral Bells" with the objective to practice listening and hearing the effect of singing in a round.
- In SCIENCE with Teacher Lynne we explored the 5 senses, the color wheel and primary colors. We mixed colors and discovered secondary colors. We also had fun with a milk explosion experiment!

Mary's Orange Tigers

- Decorated and flew box kites
- Painted butterflies
- Sang "It's a Wonderful World"
- Hunted birds in our backyard

Chieko's Red Rock Stars

- Made giant butterflies
- Discussed what makes a book and created our own books becoming authors and illustrators
- Cut out letter K's, made them into kangaroos, and read a book about kangaroos
- Created and illustrated a group story

Susan's Yellow Bees

- Created butterflies with matching painted wings -- yay symmetry!
- Had a ball with balloons and bubbles in the backyard
- Cut out paper keys and talked about what they opened
- Made weather wheels for our windows

Linda's AM Blue Birds

- Created box kites using paper bags and flew them in the backyard
- Practiced our scissor skills cutting strips of paper to make a watermelon and tasted watermelon
- Learned two new action rhymes/songs: "Kangaroo Hop" and "Bee Hive/Bumble Bee"
- Worked our fine motor skills lacing baseballs

Marie's Green Geckos

- Blew bubbles in the backyard
- Sang "Apples and Bananas"
- Talked about ways we can be kind
- Practiced our cutting skills making the letter "W"

Lindi's AM Purple Pandas

- Practiced our balance with the Bean Bag Boogie
- Explored shapes and colors with kaleidoscopes
- Learned about using kind hands and words through dramatic play and stories
- Painted with wiggly "worms"

Lindi's PM Red Apples

- Played with bubbles, balls and balloons in the backyard
- Constructed kites and flew them outside
- Painted nature scenes outside to celebrate Earth Day
- Discussed and wrote down our worries and then washed them away with watercolors

Lynne's PM Blue Birds

- Continued cutting practice -- keep up the practice at home too please!
- Learned about the butterfly life cycle and made butterfly wings
- Made tissue paper kites and continued to improve our listening and direction following skills at table time
- Tasted kiwis

Marisha's PM Purple Pandas

- Painted, cut and pasted shapes to create Corduroy the Bear
- Matched shape blocks to corresponding shape
- Discovered how kaleidoscopes work and made kaleidoscopes with contact paper and tissue paper
- Painted with watercolors

Marisha's PM Golden Stars

- Counted buttons and glued them to a letter "B"
- Learned about kaleidoscopes and created kaleidoscope art
- Introduced letter "W" and made watermelon art
- Taste tested watermelon

Staff Spotlight

This month our staff spotlight is shining bright on our Teacher Aide, Adeela. Adeela joined CLC in October 2011. Before joining us, she worked at Stratford School as an extended care teacher. She has also worked as a volunteer at John Gomes School. Adeela completed her certification in ECE at UC Santa Cruz and her BA in Education from University of Karachi. Adeela's favorite pastime is painting. She enjoys spending time with her family, cooking, and has a special interest in interior design.

"Kids are like shining stars and blooming flowers; they bring joy to our lives and brighten our days. Their presence completes my being and I consider myself fortunate for having so many bright stars and colorful flowers around me."

We also shine our spotlight this month on Teacher Lynne. "Lynnie" is our afternoon Blue Bird Teacher and Science Specialist. She brings a wealth of expertise as an ECE professional, including many years of local experience as a Preschool Teacher and Director. She received her ECE training at DVC. Teacher Lynnie enjoys gardening, cooking and working on her ongoing house remodel in her spare time. She has two grown children and lives with her husband Steve in Pleasant Hill.

"It's my joy and pleasure to teach young children every day. Their energy, eagerness to learn and love keeps me going! I feel so honored to be one of your child's 1st teachers."

It's My Birthday!

May Birthdays - Let's Celebrate!
Braylee, Charlie R, Chase K, Devlin,
Jonah, Lilly, Mercer and Wesley P.