

Creative Learning Center

November 2017

Please visit our website at www.clcalamo.com.

Dates to Remember

Friday, November 10 - Veteran's Day - NO SCHOOL

Friday, November 17 - Friendship Feast (more info to come)

Monday, November 20 - Friday, November 24

Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL

November Theme

Theme: A Shopping We Will Go

Nutrition, Recipes, Cooking

Letters of the Week

Nov. 6-9 A a

Nov. 13-17 D d

Nov. 20-24 Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 27 - Dec. 1 F f

December Theme

Share a Family Tradition with Us! Our December curriculum theme is "Home Sweet Home." We'll be focusing on celebrations, family traditions, cultures and special days. We would like to invite our families to come in and share a special tradition, celebration etc. with the children in your child's Together Time Group. Please follow up via email to clcalamo@sbcglobal.net or talk with your child's Together Time Teacher.

Need more time as the holiday season approaches?

Drop in space is available in our **Afternoon Rainbow Enrichment** program from 12:30 to 3:30. Treat your child to an afternoon of creative, educational activities and yourself to some extra time. Please call the office at (925) 837-4044, email clcalamo@sbcglobal.net, or come in and see our Office Manager, Julie.

Health Information Reminders

With the cooler weather upon us, we remind you to be sure that your child is HEALTHY when coming to school. Help us minimize exposure to those winter germs. Please remember our health policy related to colds:

"Children should be excluded from school until contagious symptoms (i.e. green mucus, wet cough, etc.) have disappeared."

Reminders:

- Wash hands with soap frequently, including after using the restroom.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Disinfect often-touched surfaces, such as toys and door handles, especially if someone is sick.

Winter Clothing

As the weather gets cooler and your children come to school in sweaters and coats,
**** PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL THEM ****
and, please help us out by NOT sending umbrellas to school.

Lunch Bunch

If you know your child will not be attending their regularly scheduled lunch bunch day, please let the office know. We have several "drop in" requests daily. Please call us at (925) 837-4044 or email clcalamo@sbcglobal.net. Thank you!

What's Happening?

October offered us the opportunity to meet with many of you at our first conferences of the new year. In February, we'll again be scheduling conferences to continue to discuss your child's development and growth, as well as program options for your child next fall.

As the month came to a close, our children enjoyed the Halloween Parade along with singing some of our favorite "not so spooky" songs. We hope you took a lot of wonderful pictures to keep these images forever.

Pledge to Humanities Candy Drive

CLC will be collecting excess Halloween candy to be distributed to our troops. The candy will be donated to Blue Star Moms to be sent out via care packages to benefit our men and women serving overseas. A box will be placed at curbside November 1-8 following Halloween for donations. Thank you for your participation and support!

Together Time Highlights



Motor, Science and Music

- During MOTOR time with Teacher Courtney, we spent time working with hula hoops, walking forward, backward and sideways on the balance beam, practicing barrel rolls and bean bag balancing too!
- We were busy in SCIENCE with Teacher Lynne continuing our water exploration studying whether things would sink or float, and we started learning about the 5 senses with vision playing the "What's Missing?" game.



- Everyone loves October, especially the children and parents who love Halloween! "October Rocktober" is an all time favorite rock and roll tribute to the joy of Autumn and is a drumming and hand motion song. The music of "Autumn" from Vivaldi's "Four Seasons" gives the children a chance to enjoy a listening activity in which we ride horses and act out the panting of the hunting hounds and escaping fox in a fox hunt. "Looking for Dracula" is a fun and silly take off of "Going on a Bear Hunt". We explored finger plays with "Five Little Pumpkins", "Where is Pumpkin?" and learned about the human skeleton with "Dem Bones." We played the circle game "Witch Witch Fell in a Ditch" and danced to the "Autumn Falling Leaves" song. "Halloween is Coming", "Big Pumpkin" (book and song), "One Little Two Little Three Little Witches" and the candy songs "Lollipop", "The Lollipop Tree" and "The Candy Man" were also great fun with Teacher Jan in MUSIC.



Mary's Orange Tigers

- Cut out and painted pumpkins
- Sang and illustrated pumpkin vine song
- Headed the story of the "Three Naughty Ghosts"
- Estimated how many cotton balls fit in a jar

Chieko's Red Rock Stars

- Created jack-o'-lanterns out of glue and colored them with chalk
- Imagined what clouds could be and read "It Looked Like Spilt Milk"
- Discussed with great frequency and detail what costume we are wearing for Halloween
- Practiced our songs for Halloween

Susan's Yellow Bees

- Gathered leaves in the yard and made leaf prints
- Talked about feelings, then glued faces on our jack-o'-lanterns
- Squeezed juice from oranges and shared it with friends
- Created cats and crabs--oh my!

Linda's AM Blue Birds

- Painted rock ladybugs, and squeezed lemons to make fresh lemonade
- Created paper bowl jellyfish, and tasted jam and jelly
- Worked on our scissor skills cutting cats and jack-o'-lanterns
- Grated carrots, and then measured, mixed and baked delicious carrot cake

Marie's Green Geckos

- Explored what animals live in the jungle
- Made the letter "L" using Legos
- Worked on fine motor skills cutting paper
- Acted out "The Very Hungry Caterpillar"

Lindi's AM Purple Pandas

- Counted and crafted ladybugs to go with the book "Ten Little Ladybugs"
- Jumped out of a giant box like Jack-in-the-Box
- Mixed red and yellow paint to make orange pumpkins
- Measured, mixed and baked oatmeal raisin cookies

Susan's PM Red Apples

- Practiced our cutting skills by making colorful paper lions
- Talked about the amazing anatomy of jellyfish
- Counted cookies and worked on number recognition
- Sang the "Five Little Pumpkins" song, then illustrated it

Lynne's PM Blue Birds

- Created ladybugs from painted rocks
- Learned about the letter J and developed our scissor skills by making a jack'o'-lantern
- Talked about math and practiced making patterns with Halloween caterpillars and sorting games
- Made our hand turn into crayons by painting them and printing them

Lindi's PM Green Gators

- Went on a leaf hunt and discovered colorful fall leaves
- Cut out ovals to create jack-o'-lanterns
- Painted cat masks
- Created characters from our favorite Halloween stories to make a mobile

Lindi's PM Golden Bears

- Drew pictures of people we love
- Read "Go Away, Big Green Monster" and crafted monsters of our own
- Used cotton balls to paint clouds to go with the book "It Looked Like Spilt Milk"
- Worked as a team to collage a giant jack-o'-lantern

Staff Spotlight

This month our staff spotlight shines on Mary, our JK Orange Tiger teacher. Mary joined CLC in January of 1990. She attended Chico State University where she received her B.A. in Art. Mary also attended DVC where she received her Early Childhood Education training. Mary lives in Walnut Creek with her husband, Dave, and has two daughters, Melinda and Katherine, and four grandchildren. In her free time Mary enjoys gardening and walking.

*"As I see these wonderful children, I'm reminded of the Paul Simon line
'These are the days of miracles and wonder.'
These little people are truly miraculous...Enjoy."*

Baby News

Congratulations to Purple Panda Cash and his family! Baby sister Teegan was born on October 20. CLC joins Cash and his family in welcoming baby Teegan!

It's My Birthday!

November Birthdays - Let's Celebrate!
Bryce, Caroline, Ethan, Robbie Y, Paige

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