

Creative Learning Center

October 2017

Please visit our website at www.clcalamo.com.

Dates to Remember

October 9-13 and 16-20 - Parent/Teacher Conferences -
School in Session

October 31 - Halloween Parade (details to follow)

November 10 - Veteran's Day - NO SCHOOL

November 20-24 - Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL

October Curriculum

Theme: Who's Been Eating My Porridge?

Fairytales, dramatic play, castles

Math Concept: Sorting

Letters of the Week

Oct. 2-6 L l

Oct. 9-13 J j

Oct. 16-20 C c

Oct. 23-27 C c

Oct. 30 - Nov. 3 A a

Join Our Rainbow Enrichment Program!

We have openings in our **Afternoon Rainbow Enrichment** program from 12:30 to 3:30. Spread the word! Space is available on a regularly scheduled or drop-in basis. Our afternoon program includes a wealth of creative, educational activities.

What's Happening?

September was an exciting month as everyone became familiar with each other and the daily routine of Creative Learning Center. Our first monthly theme "Getting to Know You" was a wonderful platform that allowed the together time groups to get to know one another and learn the school routines.

Our first Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for October 9-13 and October 16-20, dates depending upon your child's Teacher. The staff looks forward to having the time to meet with parents. So that we might accommodate your preferences, please give us your 1st, 2nd and 3rd time choices on the questionnaire you received via email and return your form to the office ASAP.

PLEASE NOTE: WE DO NOT PROVIDE CHILDCARE FOR THESE CONFERENCES.

October 31st is the day of our annual Halloween Parade. It's a great opportunity for all of our parents to capture those special preschool memories on film. All families are welcome, even if it isn't your child's regular school day. The Parade will take place AM and PM, rain or shine, indoors if necessary due to inclement weather.

School Photos

School photo days were September 27 and 28. Individual and group photos were captured by our wonderful photographer, Karen Henrich. When the images are ready, you will receive proofs to choose from. Various size choices and digital negatives will be available to order if you choose. The group photos will be distributed via email by CLC.

Tee Shirts

We now have 3 sizes and 2 colors to choose from in CLC tees:
4T, 6T and Youth XS - Red or Royal Blue
Shirts are \$12 each and can be ordered through our office.

Pledge to Humanity Candy Drive Nov. 1-8

We will be collecting Halloween Candy as you drop off and pick up your children November 1-8. The candy will be donated to Blue Star Moms and sent in care packages to our troops overseas. For more information, see www.PledgeToHumanity.org

Together Time Highlights



Motor, Science and Music

- For our first weeks of MOTOR time with Teacher Courtney, we focused on basic motor development while having fun. We learned how to walk like a crab sideways on the tumbling mat, the difference between a hop and a jump while trying the hopscotch, and did beanbag balancing and tossing fun!
- In SCIENCE with teacher Lynne we explored the properties of water. We learned about absorption by watching how water beads grow once they are in water; we learned about measuring and pouring and how much water a container can hold; we had fun with ice and discovered what is ice and what makes it melt. Anyone can be a scientist...all they need to do is wonder and observe the world around them!
- We started the new school year in MUSIC with Teacher Jan by learning names as in the name game song...

"Jan jan bo ban, banana fanna foe fan, fee fie foe man, Jan!" The children were introduced to the guitar, round bells, djembe drum and African thumb pianos (know as kalimbas and mbiras). We enjoyed a song called Kye Kye Kule that sounds like chay chay coolay! The Eagle Song is a lovely call and response with these words: "Have you all seen the eagle flying so high, circling the universe on wings of pure light, aho eechee chyow oh ee yi oh (repeat 2x) aho."



Mary's Orange Tigers

- Learned the Tiger Rules: Be Safe and Be Kind
- Sang our greeting song
- Decorated paper tigers
- Acted out the letters I i and T t

Chieko's Red Rock Stars

- Created a color wheel and mixed colors
- Sorted shapes and found shapes in our everyday environment
- Cut letter I's and turned them into insects
- Made new friends and got to know each other

Susan's Yellow Bees

- Sang our Yellow Bee song and learned each other's names
- Rubbed paint on our hands and made new paint colors
- Talked about the anatomy of insects
- Created terrific triangle tent and tree pictures



Linda's Blue Birds

- Met our new Blue Bird friends and learned our "Good Morning to You" greeting song
- Worked on our scissor skills cutting ice blocks for igloos and tooths for our smiles
- Examined real turtle shells and created our own paper bowl turtles
- Read "White Rabbits Color Book", painted our hands different colors and rubbed them together to see what new colors were created

Marie's Green Grapes

- Learned the names of our Green Grape friends and group song
- Sang and acted the color: "What Are You Wearing?"
- Explored different insects
- Made the letter T using our body

Lindi's Purple Pandas

- Settled into our together time routine
- Used a super spinning machine to create purple pandas
- Played "I - Spy" to find insects in our classroom
- Discovered things that start with letter T hidden in water beads

Susan's PM Red Apples

- Sang a Red Apple Song and clapped the syllables of our names
- Experimented by mixing primary paint colors to make secondary ones
- Turned a liquid into a solid and enjoyed an icy treat
- Talked about the parts of a tree and then painted one

Lynne's PM Blue Butterflies

- Celebrated our new friends by making friendship bracelets
- Experimented with colors and shapes by making a color/shape graph
- Talked about the letter I and painted beautiful ice cream cones with shaving cream paint
- Created insect hats after observing a real praying mantis!

Lindi's PM Green Gators

- Learned our new together time routine
- rolled balls in paint to create green alligators
- Experimented with mixing colors and sang about the colors of the rainbow
- Used toy trucks to make tire tracks

Lindi's PM Golden Bears

- Learned our new together time routine
- Cut, painted and glued to create golden bears
- Counted and traced the letters in our names to make "name trains"
- Mixed colors and ingredients to make "ice cream" paint

Staff Spotlight

This October focuses on Chieko, our Red Rock Star Teacher. Chieko has been with CLC as a Science Specialist and Together Time Teacher since 2010. She received her B.A. from University of California, Davis, and her Teaching Credential from San Jose State University. Before Joining CLC she taught in the SRVUSD, in the Palo Alto USD and several ECE programs.

Chieko enjoys skiing and gardening.

*"My hope is that kids will feel like CLC is their second home.
They should feel welcome, safe, comfortable and excited!"*

Baby News

Congratulations to Blue Butterfly Brooke and her family! Baby brother Ronan was born on September 15 weighing 7 lbs. 15 oz. and measuring a full 20.25 inches long! CLC joins Ryan, Colleen, Chloe, Robyn, and Brooke in welcoming baby Ronan!

CLC Red Apple Kailette also welcomed a baby brother to her family in September. Congratulations from everyone at CLC to Kailette and her family!

It's My Birthday!

October Birthdays - Let's Celebrate!

Alessandra, Andrew W, Blakely, Brooke,
Cecilia, Easton, Gianna, Greyson,
Harrison, Kale, Kyla, Samuel

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