

Creative Learning Center

Summer Newsletter 2017



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Dates to Remember - Summer Session 1

Wednesday, July 12	Beach Day
Friday, July 14	Last Day Summer Session 1

Dates to Remember - Summer Session 2

Monday, July 17	Summer Session 2 Begins - Welcome!
Wed. August 9	Camping Day
Friday, August 11	Final Day of Summer Camp

Dates to Remember Fall - 2017-18 School Year

Wednesday, August 30	Orientation for New Children Only 9:15 to 10:30 am (No siblings, please)
Thursday & Friday, August 31 & September 1	First Days of School
Tuesday, September 19	Back to School Night

What's Happening?

Our Curious Campers and Explorers have been busy meeting and creating new friendships, as well as exploring the variety activities in all the learning centers. The backyard has kept them quite engaged discovering many avenues for large motor challenges. The children have enjoyed lots of fun with all the water activities available to them. Together time has allowed them the pleasure of listening to wonderful adventures during reading time. They have also enjoyed painting, cooking, singing, and creative art projects!

Summer Staff Highlights 2017

Chieko has been with CLC 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, as well as several ECE programs.

Lindi joined CLC's teaching team in 2015. She was graduated from the University of Georgia with a B.S. in Special Education and holds certifications in Early Childhood Education. Before joining CLC she taught preschool in New York City and Georgia.

Lynne has been on the CLC team since September 2015. She brings a wealth of expertise as an ECE professional, including experience as a Preschool Teacher and Director. She received her ECE training at DVC.

Mackenzie joins us this summer as a Teacher Aide. She is a college student with experience as a Camp Counselor, and is in the process of completing here ECE units. She is fluent in Sign Language and looks forward to introducing simple words to our children.

Mary joined CLC in 1990. She received her B.A. from Chico State University and Early Childhood Education training from DVC and is our Junior Kindergarten teacher during the school year.

Mary Anne continues with us as a morning Teacher Aide, having joined us in 2015. She received her ECE training at DVC and has experience at several local programs.

Renee joined CLC as both a morning and afternoon Teacher Aide in 2016. She attended California State University, Fullerton, as well as DVC. She has experience as a nanny and summer camp counselor. In addition, she is an Intern for a local theater group company.

Samantha has been a CLC Substitute Teacher this past school year and will be a part of our Summer Staff during Summer Session 1. She has 9 years of experience teaching preschool at a local school.

Susan completed her Associate Teacher certificate in Early Childhood Education from DVC and also holds a B.A. in Journalism from Cal State University, Sacramento. She joined our CLC team in 2007.

Curious Campers

- * Shared some fun adventures with all their new friends
- * Celebrated the 4th of July with flags, shakers and a burst of firework pictures with bright glitter paints for our parades
- * Mixed and measured ingredients to make some tasty nutritious snacks
- * Enjoyed our backyard Beach Day with music, food and games

Explorers

- * Learned about teamwork and good friendship while enjoying our backyard
- * Discovered what makes our country special
- * Celebrated the 4th of July with homemade instruments and headbands
- * Explored different countries by experiencing their music, foods, and traditions



We hope you enjoy the rest of your summer!

Administrative Staff

Jori Carmel, Executive Director, holds a B.A. from UCLA and an MS. Ed in ECE from Wheelock College, Boston. She has extensive experience in the field of ECE as a Preschool Teacher and Director, Community College Instructor, and developer of programs and centers.

Lorena Ferris, Program Director and Teacher, received her ECE training at DVC. Before joining CLC in 2001, she was a teacher, and then director of an early childhood program in Martinez. She has also been a Special Education Teacher as well as part of the Bilingual IEP staff for the Martinez School District.

Julie Nejedly, Office Manager, joined our CLC staff in 2012. Her background includes a B.A. from University of the Pacific in Economics, as well as a wealth of administrative and volunteer leadership experience.

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