

# Creative Learning Center

## May 2010

### Dates to Remember

#### May 1st

Tuition deposits due for Summer Camp and 2010-2011 School Year

#### May 15th

Mayfest - 11am-2pm

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#### May 31st

Memorial Day - No School

### May Theme

#### "Velociraptors and Volcanoes"

~ Quiet Quail  
~ Vera Viper  
~ X-ray Fish  
~ Zack Zebra

#### Letters of the Week

May 3-7      q  
May 10-14    v  
May 17-21    x  
May 24-28    z

#### Math Focus

Recognizing Numbers

### Mayfest is Saturday, May 15th

Our school will again open its doors and grounds for "Western Day", our annual May Festival and family picnic... a celebration to close a wonderful school year and say hello to summer. Staff, students, parents, and friends will enjoy a day of fun, including games, crafts and food booths, pony rides, a jumpy house, a petting zoo and more! New families are welcome. Come for an hour or spend the whole time with us. No charge for admission. Tickets available for purchase for food, pony rides, game and craft booths. SEE YOU THERE IN WESTERN WEAR!

**A big thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with Mayfest. If you haven't had a chance to sign up yet, please visit or call the office. We have several openings left to fill.**

### What's Happening?

During the month of April, the Otters and Tigers participated in their 8th annual baseball game in our CLC field.

Our focus now moves towards the Mayfest scheduled for May 15th. The children are helping by creating beautiful art work that will be displayed throughout the grounds on this fun filled day!

## Summer Camp Spaces Still Available

### EXPLORERS

#### SESSION 1: June 22 - July 16

Week 1	Adventures in Space
Week 2	Boxes, Boxes, Boxes
Week 3	What's Cooking?
Week 4	Under the Sea

#### SESSION 2: July 19 - August 13

Week 1	Ooey, Goopy Science Experiments
Week 2	Kings, Queens, Castles and Things
Week 3	Dinosaur Dynasty
Week 4	Let's Go Camping

### CURIOUS CAMPERS

#### SESSION 1: June 22 - July 16

Week 1	Dora Goes to School...Meet Diego!
Week 2	I Love a Parade!.... Dora's Summer Parade
Week 3	Dora's Picnic.... Dora's Lunchbox
Week 4	A Day at the Beach .... A Humpback Whale Tale

#### SESSION 2: July 19 - August 13

Week 1	Dora & Diego's Adventures...Go Team Go
Week 2	Diego's Animal Friends...Diego's Wolf Pup Rescue
Week 3	Say "Ahhh!" Dora Goes to the Doctor...Show Me Your Smile!
Week 4	Dora's Camping Trip .... Dora's Backpack

## Together Time Highlights

### Debbie's Orange Otters

- \* Performed for parents in our annual Otter/Tiger baseball game.
- \* Made our own wonderful world books.
- \* Painted and talked about our yards.



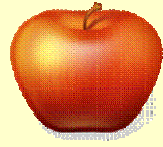
### Mary's Orange Tigers

- \* Put together and flew box kites in "K" week.
- \* Made invitations for our Mother's Tea Party.
- \* Heard the story of "Humphrey the Whale" and illustrated it during "W" week.
- \* Learned the song "It's a Wonderful World".

## Together Time Highlights

### Debbie's Red Apples

- \* Designed, cut, and flew kites for "K" week.
- \* Designed and dictated about our wallets.
- \* Completed yarn sewing during "Y" week.



### Mary's Red Apples

- \* During "W" week, we enjoyed a whale story and cut out whales.
- \* Made and tasted waffles for "W" week.
- \* Acted out "Humpty Dumpty" and found yolks in "Y" week.
- \* For "K" week, we put together our own key chains.

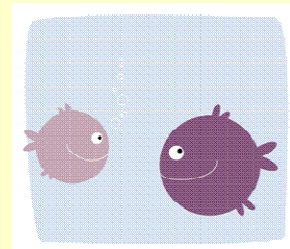
## Together Time Highlights

### Susan's Blue Fish

- \* Heard a Japanese tale about a flying carp and made fish kites for "K" week.
- \* Cut, counted, and glued seeds on our paper watermelon, and enjoyed a delicious watermelon snack for "W" week.
- \* Used our recycled plates, lids, and straws to make flower artwork for our classroom window in celebration of Earth Day.
- \* Mixed ingredients together and tasted our very own frozen yogurt for "Y" week.

### Michele's Blue Fish

- \* Baked banana bread for "B" week.
- \* Chartered the weather for our monthly theme.
- \* Made kaleidoscopes for "K" week.
- \* Explored the properties of water for "W" week.



## Together Time Highlights

### Lorrie's Yellow Lions

- \* Watched and tracked the whether on our whether wheel.
- \* Learned about kangaroos and how they take care of their babies and where they live.
- \* Found ways to be kind to others while making ourselves happy too!



### Jaime's Green Frogs

- \* During "K" week, we made two different types of kites and compared how well they flew.
- \* Used water colors to create our world for "W" week.
- \* Tasted watermelon.
- \* Listened to the story "Yellow Umbrella" and created our own picture from the story.

## Linda's Purple Puppies



- \* During "K" week we talked about being kind to others, "bucket filling" and "bucket dipping" after reading "Have You Filled A Bucket Today?"
- \* Decorated and flew our own kites.
- \* Practiced our cutting skills cutting out pieces that we glued together to make a slice of watermelon, and then we tasted some real watermelon-yum!
- \* Read "We Share One World" and then watercolored coffee filters to make beautiful worlds in honor of Earth Day.

## Staff Spotlight

This month our staff spotlight is shining bright on our Blue Fish morning teacher, Susan Inouye-Chinn. Susan has been with CLC for three years. She has an Early Childhood Education (E.C.E.) Master Teacher Certificate from Diablo Valley College, a B.A. in Journalism/Government from California State University, Sacramento, and an A.A. in Math/Science. She worked in television as a writer/producer before swimming with the Blue Fish.

*"For me, teaching is a lot like being on a rollercoaster.  
There are many twists and turns and the thrill of something new every second of the trip.  
I've had a lot of fun taking this exciting ride with your children  
."*

## It's My Birthday!

May Birthdays - Let's Celebrate!  
Christina, Grace, Julia S., Preston, Ryley & Vanessa

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