

Creative Learning Center

Summer 2010

Wednesday, July 14 - "Beach Day"

Friday, July 16 - Last Day of Summer Session One

Monday, July 19 - Summer Session Two Begins - Welcome!

Monday, August 2 - Lunch Sign Ups for 2010-2011 begin

Wednesday, August 11 - "Camping Day"

Friday, August 13 - Final Day of Summer Camp

Wednesday, September 1 - Orientation for New Children Only

Thursday, September 2 - First Day of School for 5 Day Children

Friday, September 3 - First Day of School for 3 Day Children

Fall Lunch Sign Up

Regularly scheduled lunch spaces for the 2010-2011 school year may be requested **starting at 9:00am on Monday, August 2nd** by telephoning 925-837-4044, faxing 925-837-4083 or stopping by our office.

You can choose to sign up your child for our lunch program for any combination of days. Lunch spaces are always very popular and fill fast, so please sign up starting at 9:00am on August 2nd.

Parent Participation

Parent Participation sign-up requests were recently distributed to all parents of children attending CLC for the next school year.

Parent Participation is a wonderful opportunity for first hand knowledge of what is happening in the classroom, to share your child's school experience in a little closer way, and to receive a \$10.00 or \$15.00 (if helping at lunch) tuition credit per session.

What's Happening?

We paraded into summer in a burst of red, white and blue with our decorated shakers as we marched around the backyard to patriotic music for our annual Independence Parade. The children enjoyed sharing this event with their parents.



Our Curious Campers and Explorers have been busy meeting and creating new friendships, as well as exploring the variety of 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 the wonderful adventures of our summer mascot; Dora, Diego, and all of their friends. We have also enjoyed painting, cooking, singing, and making crafts!

Summer Camp Spaces Still Available

**There are still spaces available for Summer Session 2!
Please call the office if you are interested in signing up.**

EXPLORERS

SESSION 2: July 19 - August 13

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



CURIOUS CAMPERS

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

Curious Campers

- * Made Dora and Diego door hangers as we met our new summer camp friends.
- * Decorated water bottle shakers for our 4th of July parade and painted stars with red & blue watercolor to decorate our school.
- * Filled our "lunchboxes" with our favorite food after listening to *Dora's Picnic* and *Dora's Lunchbox*.
- * Created beautiful beach scenes after talking about what we might find on the beach.



Explorers

We celebrated a week of America by making shakers, crowns and beaded necklaces to wear to the parade. We decorated our classroom with our red, white and blue windsocks and we also baked apple pies!

During cooking week, we prepared green eggs and ham with rainbow toast and enjoyed a nice breakfast. We also made oatmeal cookies and pineapple popsicles.

Our version of the Summer Olympics was lots of fun. It included running an obstacle course with stick horses, basketball, bikes and a prize ribbon for all!

Summer Staff Highlights 2010

Lorrie Barraco is in her 9th year at CLC, having previously taught at several local preschools. Her Early Childhood Education training is also from Diablo Valley College. Lorrie is teaching mornings and afternoons this year.

Linda Ruble is in her 12th year at CLC, and received her B.S. in Early Childhood Development from U.C. Davis. Linda previously taught locally, as well as in Oklahoma. She is teaching both morning and afternoon and is our early morning arrival teacher.

Michele Bailey has returned to our CLC team after an extended maternity leave and is in her third year with us. Michele received her ECE training at College of the Redlands and DVC.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Lorena Ferris, our Program Director, received her Early Childhood Education 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.

Jori Carmel, Executive Director, holds a B.A. from UCLA and MS. Ed in Early Childhood Education 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, and has been with CLC since 1982.

Donna Vigil, Office Manager, joined our CLC team in 2009 and brings with her a wealth of office experience with a focus on Human Resources. She attended Heald Business College, as well as Los Medanos and Chabot College.

We hope you enjoy the rest of your summer!!