

January 2012

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, January 3rd

Classes resume after Winter Break

Monday, January 16th

Martin Luther King Day - NO SCHOOL

February 2 & 3

Parent/Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL

January Theme

"Winter Wonderland"

~ Weather
~ Snow
~ Germs

Letters of the Week

Jan 2-7	o
Jan 9-20	s
Jan 23-27	e

Math Focus

Classifying

Junior Kindergarten

For our families with children turning 4 by June 30, 2012, we invite you to visit our MORNING and AFTERNOON JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN programs to see if they are a good fit for your child for the next school year (2012-2013). Good times to visit are 9:00am or 12:45pm. Please call the office to set up a time to observe.

What's Happening?

Our December theme, Family Traditions, gave the children a wonderful opportunity to learn about different cultures and family celebrations.

We would like to thank everyone who generously participated in our collection for the Contra Costa Food Bank. We collected a big barrel of much needed food!

Together Time Highlights

Mary's Orange Tigers

- * Illustrated and sang "The Green Grass Grew All Around".
- * Painted with feathers during "F" week.
- * Cut out and decorated gingerbread people.
- * Wrote our own fairytales.



Debbie's Orange Otters

- * Cut out pictures of eyes, noses, and mouths and made funny faces out of them.
- * Brought in items and pennies to hold our class garage sale.

Debbie's Red Apples

- * Designed and created pink flamingoes during "F" week.
- * For "G" week, we drew pictures of our favorite girl.

Susan's AM Yellow Bees

- * Used paper geometric shapes to construct fire trucks for "F" week, and sang the Fire Truck song.
- * Enjoyed eating fresh fruit with forks for "F" week.
- * Decorated Popsicle-stick frames for "F" week and gave them to our families as gifts for "G" week.
- * Read Goldilocks and the Three Bears and talked about the choices Goldilocks made when she visited the Bear family's home.

Mary's PM Yellow Bees

- * Wrote our own wonderful Fairytale during "F" week.
- * Decorated a gift with glue and glitter during "G" week.
- * Acted out the book *Three Billy Goat's Gruff*.
- * Put together flower patterns during "F" week.



Lorrie's Blue Kangaroos

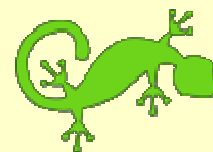
- * Created colorful feathered friends from recycled tubes, while learning about birds that have the ability to fly.
- * Cut and made delicious French fries from potatoes.
- * Made gingerbread people by mixing, rolling, and cutting. So fun!

Marie's AM Green Geckos

- * Read "Making Friends", then talked about "our friends" at school and shared ideas about being a good friend.
- * Sang and acted out "Five Green and Speckled Frogs", then glued 1-5 frogs on a log.
- * Read "A Gecko's Story", glued green geckos on the letter G.
- * Made gingerbread cookies, decorated our own gingerbread man, and glued a gingerbread boy/girl pattern.

Lorena's PM Green Geckos

- * Shared a new flannel story "Five Little Speckled Frogs".
- * Created beautiful framed flowers during "F" week.
- * Glued green glitter on G's.
- * Mixed and measured for our yummy gingerbread cookies.



Linda's Purple Puppies

- * Learned two new songs during "F" week - "Five Little Speckled Frogs" and "I See Five Green Frogs".
- * Traced our feet and our fingers after reading "The Foot Book" and "Hand, Hand, Fingers, Thumb".
- * Practiced our cutting skills by cutting grass for the gecko and a goofy green ghost.
- * Baked and enjoyed some delicious gingerbread cookies.



Staff Spotlight

This month our spotlight is shining on staff member, Teacher Linda. Linda lives in Danville and enjoys a busy schedule with her family. She received her B.S. in Child Development from U.C. Davis and joined CLC in 1998. Linda teaches our morning "Purple Puppies" and the Rainbow group.

"I truly love working with young children, so choosing a career in Early Childhood Education seemed to be an obvious and natural choice for me. To be able to watch their development through the year and know that I have been able to contribute to that is a very rewarding feeling. I can't imagine not having children in my life, they keep me young at heart and teach me so much!"

It's My Birthday!

January Birthdays - Let's Celebrate!

Ajay, Charlie H., Dylan, Lily, Matthew,
Tia, Tyson and Vivi

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