

Creative Learning Center

December 2011

Dates to Remember

Collection for the Food Bank continues until December 15th. Thank you to those who have already donated and for all your support! Please bring items to the front office by Wednesday, December 14th.

December 18th - January 2nd

Winter Recess - No School

Tuesday, January 3rd

Classes resume

December Theme

"Family Traditions"

~ Cultures
~ Celebrations
~ Sharing

Letters of the Week

Nov 28 - Dec 9 f
Dec 12-16 g

Math Focus

Patterns

Happy Holidays

As the calendar days wane, the tempo of our lives increases. There's excitement in the air at holiday time as the traditional sentiments of love and sharing rekindle themselves in each of us.

We at the Creative Learning Center feel especially privileged to share all this with you and your children. As we reflect on a full year of warmth and friendship, our holiday spirits are high indeed!

Our monthly newsletter provides us with the opportunity to thank individuals for specific gifts or services but too infrequently do we extend our deep-felt thanks to all of our families in our school for the constant support and caring that you give throughout the year.

Have a Wonderful Holiday Season. We wish Health, Love, and Peace to all of you in the New Year!

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 annual Friendship Fruit Salad was the highlight of the month. All the together time groups brought in a different fruit to share in preparing the delicious fruit salad. The together time areas were all decorated with colorful placemats that the children created and designed.

"Thank you" to all of the faithful parent participants who have diligently given their time to add that special touch to our program.

Together Time Highlights

Mary's Orange Tigers

- * Enjoyed our annual visit from Teacher Mary's husband Dave, who brought in his drums to kick off "D" week.
- * Finished a duck with colorful feathers during "D" week.
- * Learned and sang "We are Thankful" at our wonderful Friendship Feast.
- * Put together apple patterns for "A" week.



Debbie's Orange Otters

- * During "A" week, we studied ants and drew their environment.
- * Learned the song and story of "How Much is That Doggie in the Window".
- * Heard the story "William's Doll" and drew our own dolls.
- * Designed and painted fish during "F" week.

Debbie's Red Apples

- * Experimented with blowing items with our own air during "A" week.
- * During "D" week, we learned dice games and kept a score sheet.
- * Created beautiful diamond designs.
- * Learned sequencing by making flower and fish patterns.

Susan's AM Yellow Bees

- * Measured ingredients and followed the order (sequence) of a recipe to make apple muffins during "A" week.
- * Talked about astronauts, then made our own astronaut equipped with a special helmet for "A" week.
- * Explored objects that go down for "D" week - marbles on a car ramp, paper flip fish, and a balloon filled with Teacher Susan's air.
- * Read about dinosaurs and learned that females laid eggs. Cut out a baby dinosaur and placed it in a paper egg for "D" week.

Mary's PM Yellow Bees

- * Learned and sang "We are Thankful" for our Friendship Feast.
- * We tasted different kinds of apples and made a graph of our favorites.
- * Enjoyed Teacher Mary's favorite "Ferdinand the Bull" during "F" week.
- * Decorated and cut out dogs during "D" week.

Lorrie's Blue Kangaroos

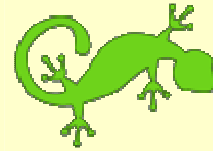
- * Enjoyed learning about the first Thanksgiving by making our own colorful turkeys. We read, role played, and sang about the pilgrims, Native Americans, Mayflower, and Thanksgiving feasts.
- * We baked an apple pie. We measured, cut, and mixed. We practiced our math by adding apples.
- * Dinosaur facts: We learned about the largest, smallest, flying. We learned what they ate and how they lives.

Marie's AM Green Geckos

- * Talked about different colors of apples and then glued red, green, and yellow apple cut-outs on the Letter "A".
- * Read "The Little Acorn and the Oak Tree", then looked for and counted acorns.
- * Sang "I'm a Little Airplane", pretended to be an airplane and designed our own airplanes.
- * Read "If you Give a Dog a Donut", made donuts from scratch, and talked our favorite donut.
- * Painted with dirt and read "Harry the Dirty Dog".
- * Traveled back in time and learned about dinosaurs and created our own dinosaur.

Lorena's PM Green Geckos

- * Figured out which color apple we liked best during our apple testing.
- * Practiced our cutting skills working on an activity "Which comes first".
- * Cooked and enjoyed delicious donuts during "D" week.
- * Created beautiful turkey placemats for our Friendship Fruit Salad.



Linda's Purple Puppies

- * We learned apples can be different colors. We tasted different color apples and charted our favorites.
- * We sang "The Lady with the Alligator Purse" after reading the book, and then painted our own alligator purses.
- * We read the book "If you Give a Dog a Donut", and then made and enjoyed some delicious donuts of our own.
- * We practiced our cutting skills by cutting teeth for our smiles after reading "Zack at the Dentist".



Staff Spotlight

This month our staff spotlight is shining bright on Teacher Lorrie. Lorrie received her Early Childhood Education at DVC and joined CLC in February 2001. When Lorrie isn't busy with responsibilities at CLC she enjoys gardening, antiques, music, and spending time with her family. Lorrie's family includes her husband Fred, her son Trevor, and her daughter Danica.

"To be able to share in the joy of children is a gift,
the delight of learning and growing never ends | love being a part of it."

It's My Birthday!

December Birthdays - Let's Celebrate!

Drew, John Paul, Julie,
Milla, Sadie and Tessa

Baby News!

Congratulations to Teacher Michele on the arrival of Trenton!
Born November 7th, weighing 10 lbs. 7 oz.
Michele, Clayton, and Rolan welcome baby Trenton!

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