

# Creative Learning Center

## November 2011

### Dates to Remember

**Friday, November 11th**

Veteran's Day - No School

**Friday, November 18th**

Friendship Feast (more info to come)

**Wednesday, November 23rd - Friday, November 25th**

Thanksgiving Holiday - No School

### November Theme

**"Kids Can Cook"**

- ~ Favorite Recipes
- ~ Food Pyramid
- ~ Nutrition

**Letters of the Week**

Oct 31-Nov 11	a
Nov 14-18	d
Nov 21-22	d

**Math Focus**

Counting

### Need more time as the holiday season approaches?

Drop in space is available in our Rainbow or afternoon programs.

Treat your child to an afternoon of creative, educational activities and yourself to some extra time for your "to be done" list.

Fee: \$36 for 11:30a.m. - 2:30p.m.

\$24 for 12:30p.m. - 2:30p.m. (if your child is already scheduled for lunch)

Call the office at 925-837-4044 or come in and see our Office Manager, Donna.

### Reminder

With the cooler weather upon us, it's time for our annual reminder to be sure that your child is **HEALTHY** when coming to school. Help us minimize exposure to those winter germs. Please remember our health policy related to colds: "Children should be excluded from school until contagious symptoms (i.e., green mucus, wet cough, etc.) have disappeared."

Also, as more and more children come to school in sweaters and coats,

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL THEM.**

Please help us out by **NOT** sending umbrellas to school.

## School Photos

School photos were taken on October 19th by *Images 4 Kids*. The photos will be available online for viewing and ordering the week of November 7th. We will provide proofs and all the details soon.

## Lunch Bunch

If you know your child will not be attending their regularly scheduled lunch bunch day, please let the front office know. We have several "drop in" requests daily. Thank you!

## What's Happening?

October offered us the opportunity to meet with many of you at our first conferences of the new year. In February, we'll again be scheduling conferences to continue to discuss your child's development and growth, as well as program options for your child next fall.

As the month came to a close our children enjoyed the Halloween parade along with singing some of our favorite not so spooky songs. We hope you took a lot of wonderful pictures to keep these images forever.

### Pledge to Humanities Candy Drive

CLC will be collecting excess Halloween candy to be distributed to our troops. The candy will be sent out via care packages to benefit our men and women serving overseas. A barrel will be placed in the office for donations.

## Together Time Highlights

### Mary's Orange Tigers

- \* Wrote and put together 2011 edition of the annual Orange Tiger Cookbook.
- \* Learned and sang "The Big Pumpkin" and "Pumpkin Vine" songs.
- \* Cut out and painted pumpkins.
- \* Enjoyed the classic book "Caps for Sale".



### Debbie's Orange Otters

- \* During "L" week we designed our own leopards.
- \* Painted with jars during "J" week.
- \* Made cookies out of clay for "C" week.
- \* Dictated about our Halloween costumes.

### Debbie's Red Apples

- \* Made leaf and ladybug patterns during "L" week.
- \* Dictated which animals we'd want in our own jungle for "J" week.
- \* During "C" week we cut out and designed cats.
- \* Painted Cs with corks.

### Susan's AM Yellow Bees

- \* Wrote love letters and mailed them to our families for "L" week.
- \* Cut and glued faces on our stuffed, painted jack-o-lanterns for "J" week.
- \* Created "C" stamps by dipping celery stalks in paint for "C" week.
- \* Counted and measured ingredients to make cookies for "C" week.

### Mary's PM Yellow Bees

- \* Cut out and crafted Jack-o-Lanterns.
- \* Acted out the book "Caps for Sale".
- \* Baked cookies during "C" week.
- \* Learned and sang two Halloween songs: "Five Little Pumpkins" and "Roll That Pumpkin".



### Lorrie's Blue Kangaroos

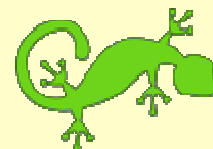
- \* Explored what animals live in the jungle through reading and graphing our favorites.
- \* Added and subtracted while role playing the characters from "The Tub People" while making our own Tub Family.
- \* Cut, counted and created our own "Five Little Pumpkins Sitting on the Gate".
- \* Learned about crawling insects, caterpillars and spiders, making some fun Halloween spiders.

### Michele's AM Green Geckos

- \* Looked at leaves in the backyard for "L" week.
- \* Played with a Jack-in-the-box, sang the Jack-in-the-Box song and made our own during "J" week.
- \* Read about crickets and observed live crickets during "C" week.
- \* Baked carrot muffins during "C" week, tried carrots and looked at homegrown carrots.

### Lorena's PM Green Geckos

- \* Practiced our cutting skills by creating lion paper puppets.
- \* Traced circles and curvy lines with markers.
- \* Cooked delicious carrot cupcakes during "C" week.
- \* Created our funny jack-o-lanterns for "J" week.



### Linda's Purple Puppies

- \* Practiced our cutting skills snipping lion manes and cutting ladybug wings.
- \* Read Eric Carle's "Very Hungry Caterpillar" and then created our own fuzzy caterpillars.
- \* Tasted different jams and jellies and charted our favorites.
- \* Measured, mixed and baked delicious cornbread and carrot cupcakes.



### Staff Spotlight

This month our staff spotlight shines on Mary, our morning Tigers and our morning Red Apple teacher. Mary joined CLC in January of 1990. She attended Chico State University where she received her B.A. in Art. Mary also attended DVC where she received her Early Childhood Education training. Mary lives in Walnut Creek with her husband, Dave, and has two daughters, Melinda and Katherine and two grandchildren. In her free time Mary enjoys gardening and walking.

"As I see these wonderful children, I'm reminded of the Paul Simon line 'These are the days of miracles and wonder.' These little people are truly miraculous ... Enjoy."

### It's My Birthday!

November Birthdays - Let's Celebrate!

Jake, Leah, Nathan, Paul,  
Sofia, Taylor and Theo

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