

Children's Learning Cottage

January 13, 2014

Reminders-

- CLC will be closed Monday, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King
- Tax ID #- 27-3180352

By the end of the month we will have year-end receipts ready for you. If you need them sooner, please email me.

Happy Birthday to:

Caroline and Connor they will be 3 years old on January 14th!

Volunteer opportunity-

- ✓ Paint front gate- (anytime during the weekend)

Sharing Day-

Dragonfly Classroom - Monday

Ladybug Classroom - Thursday

Children in these two classrooms may bring 1 item to share with their friends during circle time. Please don't forget to label the item.

Sick Policy Reminder- This week we saw several children coming to school not feeling 100%. The health and safety of the children are our number one priority. Please remember the following: As a licensed facility state law prohibits us from accepting sick children. Children must be kept out of the school for 24 hours before returning if they've had a fever, excessive cough, runny nose, diarrhea, etc.

Kindergarten registration information-

For Mountain View - Whisman School District the following information applies:

Open enrollment for the 2014-2015 school year - January 27th - February 28th

District Kindergarten Information Night: Thursday, January 16th - 6:30pm-8:30pm. at Graham Middle School (1175 Castro Street)

Please note- Students that are 5 on or before September 1st will be placed in Kindergarten.

Students born between September 2nd 2009-December 2009 will be placed in Transitional Kindergarten.

Photo A Day Project-

At CLC we document children's progress in several ways (portfolios, photographs, documentation notes, projects, etc.) This year we are going to document a year in the life of CLC by taking a photo a day. In this fun way you will know what happens on a daily basis while your child is at school. Please check the parent documentation board to see the picture a day. We are all great at capturing the moment whether is with our SLR or phone or digital cameras we enjoy capturing your child's interaction with children, the materials, the environment, etc.



We are still enjoying this sunny winter weather (only in California!) To us (the teachers) and the children it means more time outdoors. Masha came back from the vacation all relaxed and played in the sandbox for quite some time. The older children went to the park and decided to sit down and watch the airplanes fly by. The Butterfly classroom enjoy painting the fence with water. This gives them the opportunity to exercise those fine motor muscles.



Once a week Ms. Adela makes pancakes. This is one of the children's favorite morning snack. We add a little syrup with a smiley face design and Ms. Denise does the first letter of the child's name. Just a fun way to start the morning. The mix is from Trader Joe's just in case you are wondering.



The first week of the year the children made minestrone soup. The children brought the different ingredients from home (thanks to the parents for participating!) In the morning they cut the vegetables and added it all in the crock pot. The children had the soup for lunch. Surprisingly, enough, most of the children enjoyed the soup. Thanks to Cayden's mom for going out of her way and bringing sourdough bread for the children to enjoy!

One of the outdoor stations was a long piece of paper along the fence and tempera paints. Here Caroline is painting a beautiful masterpiece.



Before the winter break the Dragonfly Classroom made pine cone bird feeders and hung them outside. Well one morning the children noticed that little birds were eating the seeds. Cameron recognized the type of bird...little chickadees!

Outdoors we also keep an easel and at their time children like to paint. Easel painting provides a way for children several important different skills (sensory experience, social skills and enhance motor skills.) Ms. Karen brought some tubes to add to children's building area. Herr Cameron and Ayden are building "all the way to the sky."



Our little ones came back ready to tackle 2014! Evan was excited to see the new platform in the block area. This platform will be used for them to build, climb or as Evan is doing laying on it!

They started the week by making some “yummy” oatmeal cookies. Our little chefs enjoy mixing and trying out new recipes. They also enjoyed their weekly trips to the park.



The year started by celebrating 2 birthdays. Sara and Shihan were very excited to celebrate their birthdays with their Ladybug friends. Sara turned 3 and Shihan turned 4 years old!

This is just a glimpse of all we do at CLC...Throughout the day the children are discovering, exploring, engaging, creating, predicting, wondering, experimenting, imagining, and making choices and much...A rich curriculum that gives children a solid foundation for living and learning.

Childhood is a journey not a race....