



March at North Star

Our staff-led clubs this month include Desserts Around the Globe with Ashlyn, Drama Club with Sarah, and Medical Madness with Marissa. The kids have also planned their own clubs and activities to lead this month, including Wings of Fire with Sasha and Zoey and Pop Bottle Fire Flies with Ezra.

Drama Extravaganza!

Sarah has been involved in the theater community since high school and has run clubs in the past to get the kids involved and interested in theater. This time she is planning a whole performance! She picked a script appropriate for the wide age range at Children's Choice and did a read-through with the kids in the club. This play will be performed at the Celebration of Learning held every year at the Children's Choice main office on May 2nd. As part of the club, the kids will get to tour theaters around Albuquerque and explore set design and costuming so they can create their own for their performance. The kids will be contacting theaters around the city to ask for a tour of the facilities and different departments. We might be able to create a way to "keep all the information from each location so we know if one place only lets us see costumes that we should ask a different theater to show us the construction part."



Reminders

& Important Dates:

Thursday March 5th **Celebrating Dr. Seuss's Birthday!**

Bring pajamas

Thursday & Friday March 12th and 13th **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

No School, Children's Choice is Open 7am-6pm @ Double Eagle Bring a Lunch

You must register at childrens-choice.org.

Thursday March 17th **St. Patrick's Day**

Monday March 30 – Friday April 3rd **Spring Break**

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Helpful Information

Site Phone: 504-4557

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Financial Assistance Available:
841-4800



DONATIONS NEEDED Our community project for March is preparing transitional backpacks for children in transition through the foster care system. We are collecting gently used backpacks, stuffed animals, blankets, coloring books, crayons, journals, pen, and pencils. Also, thank you to all the families that returned recipes for the family night recipe book and attended the event. We hope you had fun!

Knitting Like Pros!

The Plan/ Expectations: *Gabby is our resident craft lady! She is knowledgeable about sewing, knitting, and needle-point. In February she created a club to get kids interested in knitting because you can make so many unique crafts and gifts. She showed the kids in small groups how to make the stitches and how to decide how many stitches to put on the needle based on how wide they wanted their creation to be.*

Observations: *Knitting requires some hard work and delayed gratification, so naturally her initially large group filtered down to a small group who were ready to commit to a long term project. Two of the boys who were really interested in learning the skill of knitting asked Gabby to get their yarn and needles at the end of the day because "it's kind of relaxing and nice to just sit down and work on."*

Reflections: *"We definitely needed more needles to start off the club, but I didn't think so many kids would come over right off the bat," Gabby said. We can plan next time for a big group and maybe return items we do not need or use. There was a small hiccup teaching a left-handed kid the technique because Gabby had to learn it herself in order to teach the opposite way that she knits.*



"I think I'm doing this right... I don't know... Where is Gabby?"

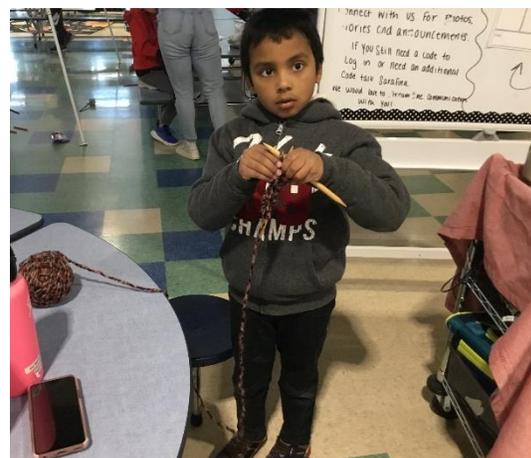


These brothers took to this activity right away and were excited to learn a new skill

Field Trip Report



February's field trip was to the Museum of Natural History where we explored fossils and how the first creatures evolved on our planet. The kids got to take home snake skin as a souvenir from the reptile exhibit because the snakes are shedding all the time!



"Well I wanted to make a present for my mom but I don't know if I can finish all this in just one day. I need more practice."

Guide Project Update



Ava was interested in learning Japanese because she has a classmate from Japan who is learning English. When asked why she wanted to learn she said "Because I want my friend to talk to me and so I can tell her when things are happening."



MARCH CYFD BACKPACK DRIVE!

CC is collecting donations/supplies for the CYFD foster program.

Please donate new or gently used backpacks, stuffed animals, blankets, coloring books with crayons and journals.



ALL DONATIONS WILL BE GIVEN TO CHILDREN 4-11 YEARS OLD

Candid Community Snapshots



"I'm going to make something for my mom! Is Mother's day this weekend?"



One of our staff posing with some kids who love to take photos!



Older Kids Club playing charades where the category was "jobs"



Restaurant party in Drama Area!

A kindergartener posing with his Leggo creation

