



Arroyo Del Oso Children's Choice Week of May 3rd, 2021

Spring Field Days

These days, the staff and students at ADO are lucky to have distractions: school, work, even some time to play in the afternoons. Last week we used the field a lot, for things like dance parties, baseball practice, football punting, fort building, ant hunting, soccer, paper-airplane flying, tag, and even some snacking on local plants.



Max, 10, and Lilly, 11, taught some of us about edible flowers growing along the field behind the school last week. Most of our older kids have spent their childhoods in the area and know all kinds of things to do to stay busy year round.

Vaccination Information

New Mexico and the World are slowly becoming vaccinated. During this time we have encouraged our staff to register for the vaccine and we will continue monthly covid-19 testing for all staff members.

-ADO Staff

Reminders:

-Summer Registration has opened to all families!

-Please call our main site phone [\(505\) 340-9656](tel:5053409656) for pick-up!

Daily Afterschool Activity Schedule

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Children's Choice Olympics | Watercolor Landscapes | Color Lava | Make Your Own Flag | Field Softball |

Estimating

Nash, 9, & Michael, 10, were playing with some math cubes and decided to ask the other kids how many they thought were in the whole bunch. Everyone underestimated the total by at least 200, so it was a great way to gain perspective. Here are some thoughts from Michael, “What I was thinking was when we were building it would be 10x taller than [Ben], and it was. [Ben’s height] wouldn’t even make it to the black part, which was the second color.” Nash thought, “There was a lot of stuff to count because Michael decided that we would use all the cubes, besides the ones we left out. I thought it was 250 but it ended up being 425 [cubes total].”



Rainy Day Activities: Magnet Tiles

What better way to spend a rainy day than using a bit of the old imagination? Some of the most in-demand construction/science related materials these days are magnet tiles. Dason, 7, is new to Children’s Choice and spent part of our last stormy day building a spaceship. Every part has a function: “These (pointing to rear fins) are double boosters that help it take off and land super-fast. This part (the rear red-green spire) is for the crew to talk with other ships, and this (indicating the triangles on top of the ship) is so the ship can steer extra good when they come in for a landing too.” When asked how he knew he was done, Dason said “I knew it was done because all the pieces were used up.” That’s a great way to finish!

Foursquare Fun

Just like the clapping and rhyming games that schoolchildren seem to pass along through the generations without prompting, foursquare is a perennial activity that all ages can enjoy – when they agree on some rules for once! Here we see from left to right 4th and 5th graders Crisana, Michael, Grayson, Lilly, & Nash sharing some laughs and disputed line-calls with some music on the stereo last week.

