



# GEORGIA O'KEEFE NEWSLETTER

## DEC 5<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

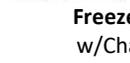
**HELPFUL INFORMATION**  
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 (505)841-4800

**ABSENCES**

If your child will not be attending Children's Choice on a day they are scheduled to be there, or if your child has any after school clubs please call the site phone, 504-4943, to let us know. When a child does not show up when they are expected, we want to ensure that the child is safe and accounted for. Please help us keep all of our children safe!

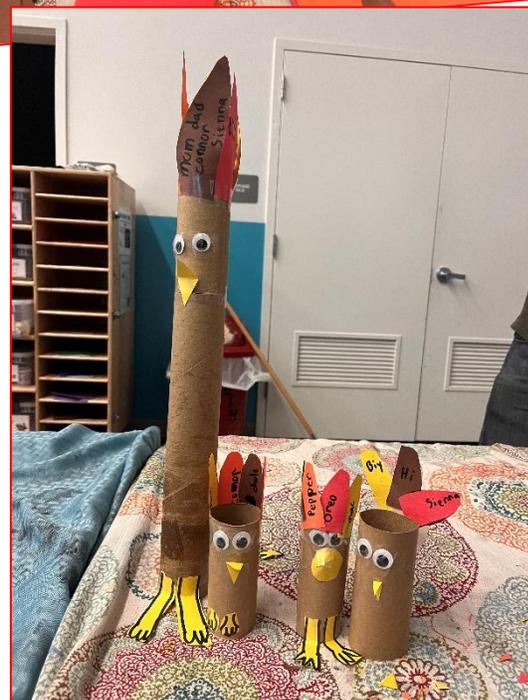
**DAILY SCHEDULE**

2:00-2:30 Check-In & Round-up  
 2:30-5:15 Snack  
 2:30-5:15 Self-Selection  
 2:30-5:00 Self Selected, Planned Curriculum  
 5:15-5:55 Clean Up  
 6:00 Close

MONDAY 12/05	TUESDAY 12/06	WEDNESDAY 12/07	THURSDAY 12/08	FRIDAY 12/09
<p><b>Older Kids Club</b> w/Beliz &amp; Russell</p> <p><b>Noodle Jewelry</b> w/Ren</p> <p><b>Soccer Drills Game</b> w/Olivia</p>  	<p><b>Football Club (2:30-3:30)</b> w/Seamus, Eric H. &amp; Samuel</p> <p><b>Older Kids Club- Friendship Bracelets</b> w/Russell</p> <p><b>Freeze Tag</b> w/Charles</p> <p><b>Marshmallow Snowman</b> w/Draven</p>    	<p><b>Pokémon Club (2:30-3:30)</b> w/Connor, Elijah &amp; Sterling</p> <p><b>Lego Hunt</b> w/Nataly</p> <p><b>Snowball Slime</b> w/Pri</p> <p><b>Cotton ball X-mas String Lights</b> w/Olivia</p>    	<p><b>Older Kids Club- Capture The Flag</b> w/Russell</p> <p><b>Decorating Doughnuts</b> w/Sadie &amp; Kori</p> <p><b>Head, Shoulders, Knees &amp; Cones</b> w/Makayla</p>  	<p><b>Snowflake Making</b> w/Ben</p> <p><b>Noodle Tag</b> w/Draven</p> <p><b>Christmas Cookies</b> w/Janessa</p>   
MONDAY 12/12	TUESDAY 12/13	WEDNESDAY 12/14	THURSDAY 12/15	FRIDAY 12/16
<p><b>Older Kids Club</b> w/Beliz &amp; Russell</p> <p><b>Make Your Own Snowman</b> w/Charlotte &amp; Ben</p> <p><b>Ginger Bread House</b> w/Aya, Sophia, Connor, Ginny &amp; Makayla</p>  	<p><b>Football Club (2:30-3:30)</b> w/Seamus, Eric H. &amp; Samuel</p> <p><b>Older Kids Club- Charity Bake Sale Prep Day</b> w/Russell</p> <p><b>Ornament Decorations</b> w/Aurora &amp; Pri</p> <p><b>Candy Cane Hunts</b> w/Kori</p>  	<p><b>Pokémon Club (2:30-3:30)</b> w/Connor, Elijah &amp; Sterling</p> <p><b>Older Kids Club- Charity Bake Sale Prep Day &amp; Sale</b> w/Russell</p> <p><b>Making Clay Boats</b> w/Ethan D, Matthias &amp; Ren</p> <p><b>Animals From a Hat</b> w/Charles &amp; Andrea</p>  	<p><b>Field Trip to Aquarium</b> 2:30 – 5:00</p> <p><b>Older Kids Club-Charity Bake Sale Day</b> w/Russell</p> <p><b>Paper Snowflakes with Coffee Filters</b> w/Nataly</p> <p><b>Candle Holders</b> w/Beliz</p>  	<p><b>Picture Frame Ornaments</b> w/Aya, Sophia &amp; Draven</p> <p><b>Snowball Bucket Toss</b> w/Pri</p> <p><b>Santa's Present Relay</b> w/Janessa</p>  
MONDAY 12/19	TUESDAY 12/20	WEDNESDAY 12/21	THURSDAY 12/22	FRIDAY 12/23
<p><b>Older Kids Club</b> w/Beliz &amp; Russell</p> <p><b>Kooky Dodgeball</b> w/Ren</p> <p><b>Santa Slime</b> w/Ezra &amp; Janessa</p>  	<p><b>Football Club (2:30-3:30)</b> w/Seamus, Eric H. &amp; Samuel</p> <p><b>DIY Pinecone Snowman Ornaments</b> w/Kori</p> <p><b>Hot Chocolate</b> w/Makayla</p> <p><b>Cookie Decorating</b> w/Shalika &amp; Olivia</p>  	 <h1 style="font-size: 2em; color: white; text-shadow: 2px 2px 4px #000;">Winter Break</h1>		

## Toilet Paper Turkey

The holidays are a time to appreciate all that we love and care. We made some turkeys to symbolically hold those things! We used yellow, brown, and red construction paper, googly eyes, toilet tissue rolls, glue, scissors, and markers. We first made our feet and beaks. **Elodie (7)** had a great way to make a cone shaped beak. "You have to cut a circle and then make a cut halfway through the circle and fold the cuts over and tape it!" Next, we made some feathers where we wrote down what we were thankful for. **T'yeria (10)** showed her feathers including one that said craft-making, because she is very creative and enjoys crafts. **Waaiz (5)** said, "I'm writing mom because I love my mom!" His turkey even had three eyes! **Sienna (8)** wrote every one of her pets' names! We had so much fun making our silly turkeys that some made multiple turkeys! We also had a tall turkey that **Sienna** and **T'yeria** made out of paper towel rolls. We hope these turkeys made their way to your homes, filling them with some appreciation, love, and silliness!



**Soda Floats** Ginny (9) and Eliza (8) lead our soda float activity. We added a fruity spin to our floats by mixing fruit punch soda, sprite and rainbow sherbet. Ginny loved sharing this recipe with the kids. We added sprinkles and enjoyed our chilled dessert.



**Dancing w/Hula Hoops** has become one of our most favorite activities to do here at C.C. Today we wanted to show off some tricks and dances we have learned over the past couple months. **Lexie (6)** and **Juliette (9)** showed us a really awesome back bend trick with their hula hoops. **Averi (7), Matthias (8), Charlotte (7), and Abrianna (8)** came up with a hop dance with the hula hoop. Towards the end of the activity, **Juliette** and **Sadie (8)** preformed a dance that they made up together. Dancing with hula hoops has helped us to be creative, coming up with new tricks and dances. It has also built a little community among those who really enjoy it.



**Sugar Skull Scratch Off** The Day of the Dead, or Día de Los Muertos, is celebrated during the first week of November in Mexico. It's a day to celebrate and remember loved ones that have passed. Aside from attending celebrations, families also clean and decorate the gravesites of their loved ones. The kids related this to autumn because of how even though the leaves are falling, the environment is full of bright colors. We wanted to cheer up and remember our loved ones even their pets! The kids got very creative, drawing their sugar skulls and using colors that would stand out.



**Apple Donuts** Apple donuts may sound kind of silly, but they are actually a pretty healthy snack that kids enjoy! We used red apples and cool whip to make this delicious snack. Kids reported that it was one of their favorite ways to eat apples! To make it even more fun we got add sprinkles to our apple donuts! Next time, the kids want to use frosting and green apple to see if it will taste different!



### **Sell out Basketball**

Our original plan was to play basketball in the gym, however, we were a few players short to play a proper game. However, there were still a number of kids who still wanted to go to the gym rather than the cold alternative outside. We gathered together to sociocratically decide on a game all of us could play and enjoy. Together, we came up with what the game should include – like a ball, teams, a challenge, and fun! We ended up creating a new game called “Sell Out Basketball” a combination of Sell Out and Basketball. One of the rules was that instead of waiting for the person that got you out to get out, we decided that if you got out, you try to make a basket. If you make it, you are back in, but if you miss, you have to sit and wait for the other person to get out. It was a fun and new spin on a game the kids normally play!



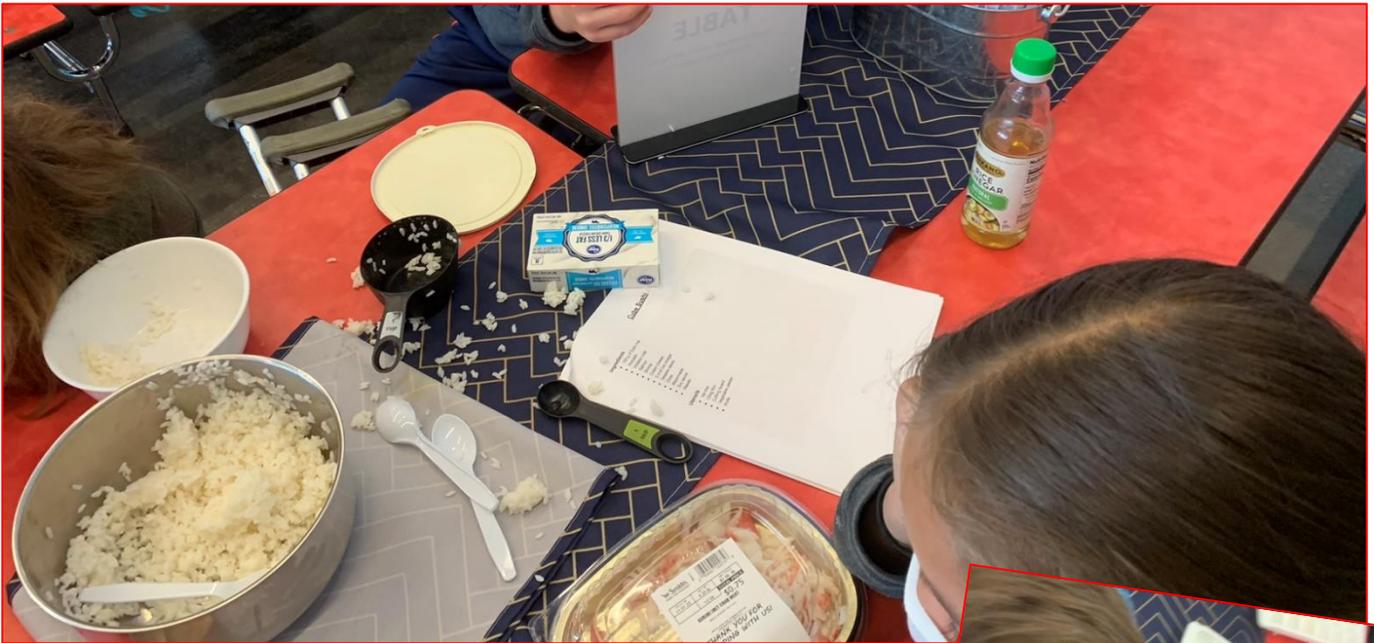
## OLDER KIDS CLUB



### Cube Sushi

Recently, Older Kids learned a sushi-making life hack called Cube Sushi. Rather than the painstaking process of rolling sushi, you line ice cube trays with plastic wrap and then fill each compartment with your desired sushi ingredients. Then you refrigerate it for 30 minutes. Then you just flip the tray and pop out your sushi rolls! We divided up the tasks at to achieve assembly line efficiency. **Eric H.**

**(11)** and Sebastian **(10)** covered the ice cube trays in plastic wrap. **Seamus (10)** prepared the avocado. **Lily (9)** peeled the shrimp and **Brianna (10)** and **Jack M. (10)** shredded the crab. **Mila (10)** stirred the rice vinegar into the pre-cooked sushi rice. We each filled our own compartments with whatever our hearts desired and placed the trays in the fridge. After an excruciatingly long wait (of half-an-hour), we removed our sushi cubes and ate them up!



## Field Trip to EXPLORA!

It was the very first time visiting Explora! for some of us. Before going in to the museum, we huddled on the playground to plan our visit. Our first exhibit demonstrated a lot of physics to explain rhythm, movement, and repetition. **Eric V. (9)** shared with us the way the scale works in this area. There were bugs and animals and plants in another exhibit. Then up, up, up on the giant elevator! On the second floor we controlled jets in the fountain below. **Mace (9)** was great at those. **Ginny (9)** made a really huge bubble in the bubble exhibit! Everyone had a great time on the balcony, building with huge foam blocks. We all agree we would love to go back and see more!



# CC Traditional Turkey Trot



## Our Winners

### K- 1<sup>st</sup>

Roman- 1<sup>st</sup>

Kurtwood-2<sup>nd</sup>

Andrea-3<sup>rd</sup>

### 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>

Sadie-1<sup>st</sup>

Ismael-2<sup>nd</sup>

Sienna L-3<sup>rd</sup>

### 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

Seamus- 1<sup>st</sup>

Connor L-2<sup>nd</sup>

Eric H.-3<sup>rd</sup>

## Interview of the Week

### Questions w/Sterling (9), 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

What 3 words do you think describe you?

- Nice, smart and kind.

What questions should I never ask you?

- "What is your favorite Pokémon?"

What makes you special?

- That I am smart.

What do you think your future job will be?

- I feel like I will be in the military.

What is the most fun thing you've ever done?

- Trading for a Leafeon Full Art.

Why do you think kids go to school?

- To learn math and reading.

How do you know when you're right?

- If it happens or if I know.

If you wrote a book, what would it be about?

- Pokémon.

Tell me something about you that you think I might know.

- That I am a Pokémon collector.

Who's the boss of you?

- At Children's Choice it's you and at home it's my mom and my dad.

Thanks Sterling!



## OUR FALL SEMESTER STAFF 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR



**Beliz Burnaz**  
Site Director



**Priscylla**



**Janessa**



**Russell**



**Ren**



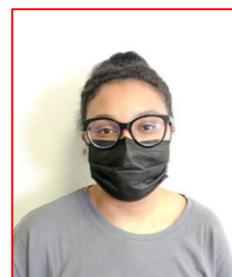
**Kori**



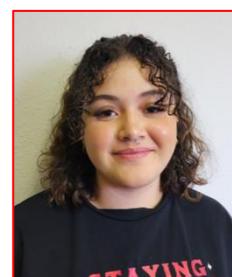
**Draven**



**Olivia**



**Makayla**



**Nataly**



**Ben**



**Charles**