












# SOMBRA DEL MONTE CHRONICLE



## JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> - FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>

Monday 1/23	Tuesday 1/24	Wednesday 1/25	Thursday 1/26	Friday 1/27
<b>SENSORY BIN REDO Travel Club</b> 	<b>Make-Up Club</b> Melty Bead Magnets 	<b>Nail Club!</b> Gelatin Sun Catchers 	<i>Foodie THURSDAY:</i> <b>Kitchen Safety</b> 	<b>Bob Ross Painting GAMER DAY</b> 

Monday 1/30	Tuesday 1/31	Wednesday 2/1	Thursday 2/2	Friday 2/3
<b>SENSORY BIN REDO Travel Club</b> 	<b>Self-Care Club</b> Splat Paint 	<b>Pasta Dinosaurs</b> EXPLODING MUD 	<i>Foodie THURSDAY:</i> <b>Boba!</b> 	<b>Dungeons &amp; Dragons D&amp;D Balloon Games</b>

Check out the new whiteboard  
(above the tablet you check in/out with)  
for updates or reminders!

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## Share-ables:

The other day, Izaac, 9, had an “ah-ha!” moment that we can all probably appreciate:

**“Did you know: these aren’t even REAL beans in these things!”**

Do you know what is inside bean bags? Of course we had to look it up, and this was the answer we found: *a hard plastic, similar to Styrofoam!*



## Hey, Lucas!

Lucas has been hanging out with us during the morning program, but now he gets to come join us for fun afternoons, too!

*“I’m in fifth grade, and I’m 10 years old. I like to play basketball. Mostly I play with my dad and my sister. I like to play basketball with Jacob at CC. I like to go to monster truck tours. Monster truck tours are where monster trucks race and jump off dirt ramps, and they go on dirt tracks. Sometimes ATVs and dirt bikes come out! I go with my dad and my cousin. I do like to paint and do arts and crafts. I like to paint mostly space stuff. Probably I’m most excited to make Green Chile Stew at CC!”*





## Foodie Thursday?

Foodie Friday finds its new home on Thursdays at Sombra! Every week the kids get together and cook something new. (Sometimes they repeat cookies and cupcakes, but only sometimes.)

Last week was one of those “sometimes,” but **this time** the kids, with only a little help from Kaela, learned to make cupcakes without a box mix!

Sometimes cooking is their favorite part:

***“It was fun to make it because I got to put stuff in it (the bowl).”***

**– Andrew R., 6**

And sometimes their favorite part is the finished product!

***“I like the Oreos on the cupcake.”***

**– Ducky, 9**

***“I like the frosting because it is my favorite frosting.”***

**– Alana, 7**

## Stress Balls



What happens when we make a mistake? We try again!

What happens when we accidentally make 50,000 Orbeez? We make stress balls!

***“When you pump them up, you get a big fat Orbeez ball. And then! The more Orbeez, the merrier.”***

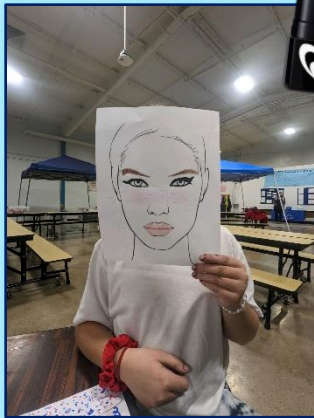
**– Annette, 7**

Orbeez stress balls were SO popular that Zoey helped the kids make them for two days in a row!

***“It feels like a bag of squishy rocks!”***

**– Skylar, 5**





# Make-Up Club

Mack wanted to know what skills Make-up Club was ready to learn, so we got out more blank face coloring sheets and started designing! The kids drew blue eyebrows, and then crossed those out. Then there was colorful eye shadow, graphic eyeliner, and different lipstick colors that you would not expect! Everyone took turns showing off their make-up design, and Mack made a list of all the skills they wanted to learn:

1. *Eyeliner – colorful and graphic*
2. *Eyeshadow – just how to do it*
3. *Lipstick – but baby blue*
4. *Eyebrows!*



From this list, everyone took turns sharing which skill they wanted to learn first. We all took turns, and listened to what each other had to say! Kelly, 9, proposed that we learn eyeliner first, and Rowan, 10, agreed because *“it’s just really popular right now.”* Everyone agreed that we will be practicing our eyeliner skills next time make-up club meets!

## SENSORY BINS



Sensory bins are back by popular demand! And a little bit out of necessity... (Remember how we accidentally made 50,000 Orbeez?)

*“This is so fun!” – Bobby, 5*

Sensory area is where kids can go to touch new things, feel different textures, play in some water, and make messes!

*“You expect us to make messes?!”  
– Phoenix, 10*

We like to have a wet bin (Orbeez this time) and a dry bin, but this last week’s dry bin was something in between. The kids made a **BLUE JELLO** sensory bin that they filled with plastic balls, cookie cutters, and their hands.

*“It’s bad. I just don’t like the way it feels.” – Asher, 9 (about to be 10)*



## Older Kid Field Trip

Last semester we heard that the older kids (4<sup>th</sup> grade and older) would like to go on field trips and have activities that were just for them. The staff listened, and on the first day back from Winter Break, all the big kids got together to plan. Some kids are allergic to fish; some kids don't like Boba; some kids can only go on Thursdays. Sounds complicated, right? The older kids didn't think so! They decided that they wanted to walk to Sweet Cup for Boba and Poki Poki for tacos, and they would do it on a Thursday afternoon – that checked all their boxes! 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade took off first, but the middle school group ended up meeting up with them on the walk, and they were all pumping their arms at cars to get them to honk. We aren't sure if the kids had more fun at Sweet Cup/Poki Poki or on the walks there and back!

Check out these field trip reviews from a few of the middle schoolers:

***"It was so cool that we got another gift. A lady gave us a card to go to top golf."*** - Xavier, 12

***"It was an educational experience and an amazing workout for all the students."*** - Kolby, 13

***"It was educational because we had to learn how much everything cost, and if we were under \$10."*** - Ashton, 12

