



GEORGIA O'KEEFFE NEWSLETTER

NOV 27th- DEC 8th, 2023

HELPFUL INFORMATION

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DAILY SCHEDULE

AM PROGRAM:

6:30-7:30 Self Selection
 7:30-7:50 Round-up & Clean-up
 7:50-8:00 Breakfast, Playground
 & Close

PM PROGRAM:

3:05-3:30 Check-In & Round-up
 3:30-5:15 Snack
 3:30-5:30 Self Selection
 3:30-5:30 Self Selected, Planned
 Curriculum
 5:30-6:00 Clean-up & Close

ABSENCES

If your child will not be attending Children's Choice on a day they are scheduled to be there and/or if your child has any after school clubs, please call the site phone, **(505) 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!

REMINDERS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Check our Lost and Found for missing items. Items are moved to the school's Lost and Found every Friday!
- Please bring a labeled water bottle each day, if possible!

MONDAY 11/27	TUESDAY 11/28	WEDNESDAY 11/29	THURSDAY 11/30	FRIDAY 12/01
Older Kids Club w/Ray One Foot Freeze Dance w/Charles H.	Story Book Writing w/Julia Make Your Own Bouncy Ball w/Ethan D. & Maria 	Fall/Leaf Themed Art w/Cyrus Blob Tag w/Audrey	Berry Macaws w/Mae, Wynne & Charles L. Older Kids Club Reverse Charades w/Ray	Transitional Art Game with Loose Parts w/Kori 500 Football Game for Older Kids w/Kade
MONDAY 12/04	TUESDAY 12/05	WEDNESDAY 12/06	THURSDAY 12/07	FRIDAY 12/08
Captains Calling w/Julia Nature Collage w/Audrey 	Older Kids Club How to Make Cat Tails Amelia C, Jaehee & Ray Band-Aid Tag w/Kori 	Melty Beads w/Zachary M. & Charles H. Scatter Sock Dodgeballs w/Maria	Traitor Ball w/Charles L. Blow Pop Ghost for Younger Kids w/Kade 	Relay Race w/Cyrus DANCE PARTY

Spooky Ghosts w/Sienna R. (7)

Spooky ghosts are on many kids minds this time of year. So this activity, led by the kids, was exciting for everyone. We were using Model Magic to construct our ghosts. There were four colors we could use: white, yellow, blue, and red. The kids got into mixing the primary colors to create other colors like orange and purple and green. Kids who didn't join in the beginning were coming up throughout the activity and asking to join because it looked so interesting and fun. We had plenty of resources to share and everyone that wanted to make a ghost was able to participate. More than just ghosts, small dioramas began to take shape and imagination was put on display. All the kids were very proud of their creations and there was more creativity than expected.



Hands Off Building w/Eric V (10)

For our Hands-Off Building activity, we were challenged to build the tallest structure possible without using our hands. At first, we tried working independently but quickly realized it was easier to build if we teamed up with others. We had to build and rebuild many times because it was so challenging to make a stable structure. Eventually we decided as a group to change the rules a bit to avoid frustration. When our buildings fell we allowed ourselves to use our hands to rebuild it to its original height.

Eric V: Hey they're copying our strategy! Wait... I guess that means we're doing good.

Luka (9): Wow... what is wrong with this? (After his building fell for the 5th time!)

Eric V (After building the tallest structure) I'm not even going to risk putting anything else on that.



Ephemeral Self-Portrait with Loose Parts /Fall Edition

On this beautiful fall day, we learned about what ephemeral means and created our own ephemeral self-portraits. Ephemeral is something that lasts only for a short period of time. We went off into nature to find loose parts to create our portraits with. We talked about what pieces of nature would work best to create different parts of our face and head. Some of us used pine cones for the eyes while others decided to use rocks for the eyes. **Devon (6)**: I'm going to break this pine cone open. **Lucas F. (5)**: Can I see what's inside?

Some of us really liked the idea of using leaves or pine needles to create hair. **Sienna R. (7)**: I need more leaves for my hair. **Abrianna (9)**: The pine needles don't match my hair color but that's okay! I'm still going to use them anyways.

Aniya (7): I need to find something to use for my ear muffs. **Tristan (6)**: You can use leaves or pine cones for the ear muffs. **Charlotte T. (8)** decided she wanted to create a body to go with her face and head. "Can you tell she's a woman?" While some of us just wanted to create our faces, others got inspired to create a body for their faces too!



Kindness Project

The Kindness Project was a fun and festive way to start off our winter months! Older kids worked together to decorate paper gift bags that will go to those less fortunate. Many had a lot of creative ideas. We discussed that Christmas isn't the only holiday people celebrate during the winter months- there's all kinds of celebrations! Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, and Winter Solstice are just a handful of them. We decided we wanted to decorate many of our bags to be more inclusive so that anyone can enjoy them, regardless of their celebrations! Some kids made winter themed decorations, including snow men, snowflakes, and sledding, while others elected to draw their favorite characters giving well wishes. Many of us wrote "happy holidays" on our bags, and it was fun to learn how to spell some words that we don't use as frequently. At the end, lots of us wanted to take the bags home, but we're more excited to give them to those who need them. We all look forward to decorating more in the future.



OLDER KIDS CLUB

INTERVIEW

Questions with Ethan D. (9), 4th Grade

If you could be in any of your favorite movies, which one would you be in?

Uhh, I would be in *Pup Academy*. It has dogs and I love dogs a lot. I would also be in *SpongeBob*, but *Pup Academy* is still my first option.

Would you rather live in a zoo or in an aquarium?

A zoo, because there's also an aquarium. Ha-ha, big brain! Also, because I could see all the animals, too.

If you could become famous for anything what would it be?

I would say either the greatest youtuber or engineer because they are really fun and you can learn stuff off of them. I have this paper airplane I made off of it, it's called "The flame"!

What's a sport you wish you played professionally?

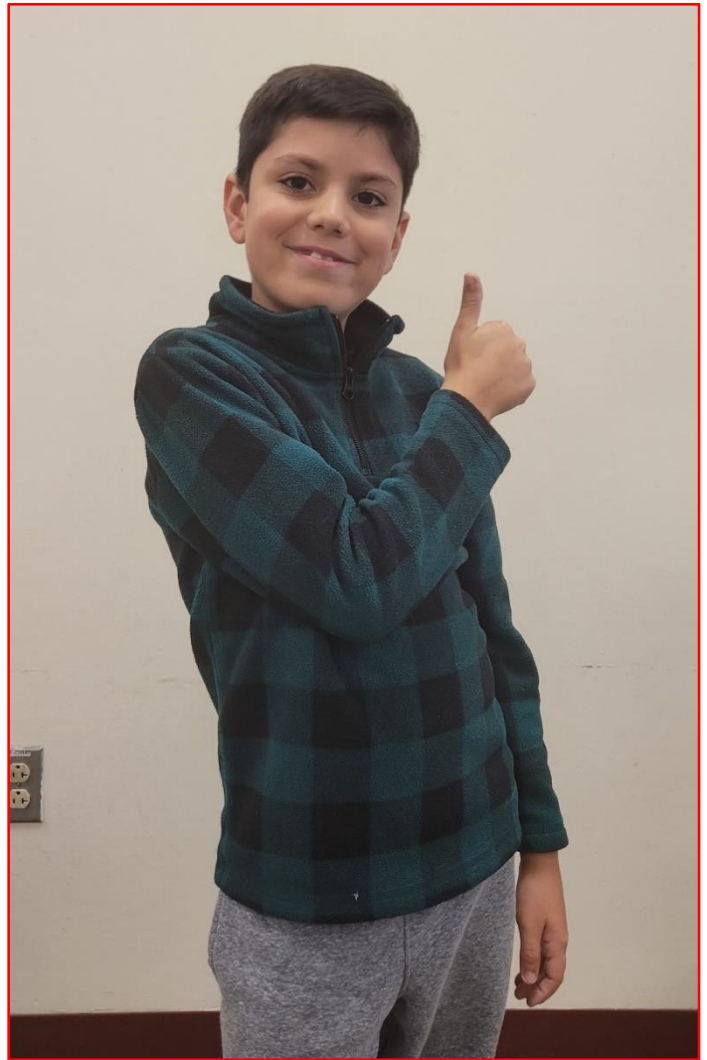
I wish I played basketball and football. For basketball, I play all the time. For football, I am pretty good at throwing, like throwing spirals and stuff like that.

What's something nice that you try to do every day?

I like to give away and sell stuff to people, I think it makes them happy because it is usually stuff that I build or make myself so they enjoy it more.

Lastly, what's something you love about school?

I don't like a lot about school, but I love PE and makerspace because I can build, and create my own stuff all the time which is fun, and PE because I am just active.



OUR FALL SEMESTER STAFF 2023/2024 SCHOOL YEAR



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