



# GEORGIA O'KEEFE NEWSLETTER

## APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup> – MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

**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



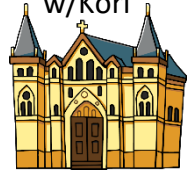








**PM PROGRAM:**  
 3:05-3:30 Check-In & Round-up  
 3:30-5:15 Snack  
 3:30-5:30 Self Selection  
 3:30-5:30 Self Selected, Planned Curriculum  
 5:30-6:00 Clean-up & Close

**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 04/29	TUESDAY 04/30	WEDNESDAY 05/01	THURSDAY 05/02	FRIDAY 05/03
<b>Comedy Club</b> w/Charles  <b>Striker Ball</b> w/Audrey	<b>Older Kids Club</b> <b>Crochet Club</b> w/Ray <b>Basketball 5 vs 5</b> w/Braxton & Cyrus 	<b>Wacky Relay</b> w/Tammy <b>Miniature Dioramas Part I</b> w/Kori 	<b>Comedy Club</b> w/Charles  <b>Learn a TikTok Dance</b> w/Julia <b>Miniature Dioramas Part II</b> w/Kori	<b>Secret Squirrel</b> w/Janessa  <b>Edible Astrology</b> w/Sara
MONDAY 05/06	TUESDAY 05/07	WEDNESDAY 05/08	THURSDAY 05/09	FRIDAY 05/10
<b>Older Kids Circle Meeting</b> w/Beliz & Ray  <b>Finish the Picture</b> w/Julia	<b>Kickball</b> w/Mace & Kade  <b>Origami Fortune Tellers</b> w/Benji J. & Tammy	 <b>Tie Dye Butterflies</b> w/Madison <b>Hot Potato</b> w/Tannyn 	<b>Older Kids Club</b> <b>Crochet Club</b> w/Ray <b>Bird House Decorating</b> w/Audrey 	<b>Flower Lanterns</b> w/Janessa  <b>Sock Puppet</b> w/Cyrus



## COMEDY CLUB



Kids are funny. Some of them intentionally, some of them unintentionally but The Comedy Club was started as a way to present various ideas and ways to be funny to the kids. Comedy Club should be, first and foremost, FUN! Secondly, it should inspire. Thirdly it should teach. We opened it up to every kid and interest was great; there has been a dedicated group that shows up every chance they can. Using a book called 'Theater Games' by Viola Spolin, the members were introduced to different games/exercises that are fun, inspiring, and overall funny challenges that would tap into the natural expressionist tendencies of kids. And some games were introduced from outside the book, one of their favorites being Kitty Cat Career, which is acting out a job, as a kitty cat would do while the rest try and guess what they're doing. Each session brought new games, and new forms of comedy were introduced including stand up, sketch, improv, and song parody. Song parody particularly interested them because the members had common interests in music and subject matter with which to parody. They quickly landed on parodying Taylor Swift's 'Shake It Off' and are working on their version, 'Time for Lunch'. Throughout each day, the kids' ideas are presented with help from the club leader and opportunities to teach are found. Most recently, the lesson of 'punching up, not punching down' presented itself; essentially, we can joke about a king because of the power they weild, but we cannot joke about the people in the street because they lack power over others. If all continues as well as it has been, they will have their own comedic production to show for it.





## FROZEN DINOSAUR EGG

For this activity we learned about the three states of matter! We demonstrated that water can change from a liquid to a solid to a gas. To help demonstrate this, we had fun seeing this in the form of dinosaur eggs! This was a child led activity with help from **Lucas F. (6)** who loves dinosaurs and can name every dinosaur figurine we used in this activity! To conduct this activity, we started first by placing a dinosaur figurine into an empty balloon, we then filled the balloon with water in its liquid state. We then placed the balloons into the freezer to sit overnight. The next day we peeled the balloon off to reveal our dinosaur eggs! Water in its solid state! We then took the eggs outside to watch the eggs melt (with help of hot water) and reveal our dinosaurs! We learned that as the frozen egg melted, it returned back to its liquid state and also evaporated as a gas! This was a fun sensory activity and we had fun rolling our eggs down the berm to help speed up the melting process.

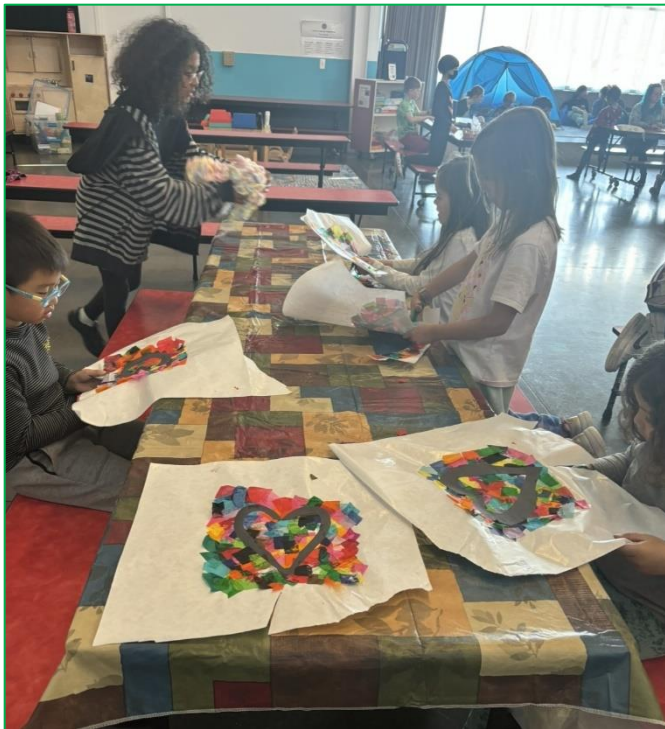






## SUN CATCHERS

The activity that we did was called sun catchers. The kids started off by cutting all the tissue paper into small pieces. Then once that step was done they started to make their borders any shape they wanted. We then got freezer paper and glued the tissue paper all over with white school glue. The last step for the first day was adding the border on top to let it all dry overnight. The second day the kids were able to cut out the border and peel off the freezer paper to reveal a pretty and colorful sun catcher. The kids all did an amazing job on this activity and had a lot of fun!





## OLDER KIDS CLUB Crochet Club & Catopia Cat Café Field Trip

Older kids were busy last week in Crochet Cub! After working for 6 weeks to learn to crochet, we finally opened our crochet shop to families...and it was a big hit! Through purchases and donations, we were able to raise a grand total of \$244.53! All their hard work paid off when we visited Catopia and gave them our donations, both monetary and toys. The cats loved our feather-cork dangle toys, and we spent lots of the time there playing with them. Many of the kids took to interviewing any cat or staff member they could get a hold of! **Rowan (10)** learned who the oldest cats were (Charles and Camille), who's the friendliest (Leo), and that they had a whopping 20 cats when we visited! We were sad to say goodbye, and Leo even tried to come with us, but knowing our hard work will help these sweet cats get adopted will always brighten all our moods. We look forward to doing more service projects in the future!





## Questions with Charlotte T. (8), 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

### What would you take with you to a desert island?

At first, I thought you said "dessert" island, and I would eat it all, nom nom nom! I would bring 2 liters of water, a pillow, blanket and, of course, a jacket to protect me from the sand. Also, my tablet so I can watch "Back to the Outback" or "Alexa and Katie".

### If you could have superpowers, what would they be and why?

I would want two powers. The first one would be Water Powers. I want to be able to breathe underwater, make bubbles and control water. The other power I'd want is Portal Powers. Imagine how cool it would be to be able to make a portal go anywhere. I would open up one to go visit my cousins in Japan and still be able to come home that night.

### What trip would you most like to take and why?

I want to go to Paris and see the Eiffel Tower and to eat really good croissants. I've always wanted to go! Oh, and if I did have Portal Powers I would teleport into the airport and pretend I got off the plane with everyone else and say, "Oiu, it's France!" in a French accent.

### What makes you a great friend?

I am kind and I enjoy helping people. One time during soccer, I was playing defense but on the opposite team their middle player fell down and hurt their knee. I wasn't supposed to be in that area but I thought, people are more important than a game. I helped her and we still won the game 1-0!

### If you had to eat the same thing for the rest of your life, what would you choose?

Cheese Pizza! I like tons of things, but I'm not a huge meat eater. I wish I could eat it every day. I hate Domino's pizza, but I love Dion's. I like going to Dion's and watching them make the pizzas.



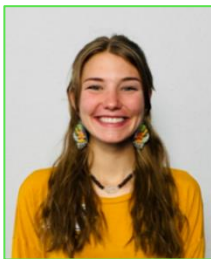
## OUR STAFF 2023/2024 SCHOOL YEAR SPRING SEMESTER



**Beliz Burnaz**  
Site Director



**Sara Leadingham**  
Ass. Director



**Kori Baca**



**Charles Herrera**



**Ray Dawson**



**Kade Beien**



**Audrey Ward**



**Cyrus Young**



**Julia Beyale**



**Tammra Elliott**

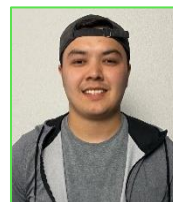


**Madison Womack**



**Tannyn Tolino-Anderson**

### AM TEAM



**Jonathon Padilla**



**Bree Reyes**