

Creating a Community Where Every Voice is Heard

Last week, we began a process to break up our group into smaller groups to have more success with our rounds. We were able to do planning for a few of the clubs.

- One group decided that technology was not as important during the day and they worked on their L.A.R.P. games.
- Another group planned for the yarn club.
- A third group worked on sports planning.

Our general circle met on Monday. We always begin with a check in round. The kids, as always, have a choice to pass rather than sharing. Today we asked about the weekend and we noticed that more members of the circle than in the past chose to share instead of passing when it is their turn. We also discussed opportunities to change the environment. We shared our opinions and observations. "The back packs should be off the floor when you come in to keep everything more organized and we can find things easier when you go home." Atlas added, "If it's better to clean up all of the toys that would be good and respectful for all of the toys." Gabby noticed that, "the bean bags are being tossed around and not being taken care of respectfully. We've already had to sew one of them back together." Others shared about picking up after themselves when finished at an area. The circles are helping each person be more aware of our community, which is definitely one of our goals.



Bree

I've noticed that the kids have really enjoyed sewing club. They have really gained much confidence in piecing together the fabric and using the needles. While we were working on our pillows in sewing club, the kids were talking about wanting to do their next project, stuffed animals. They talked about making big ones and small ones and what kind of prints they would like to use. "I think we should make some real tiny stuffed animals because they are so cute and small and you could even sleep with them!" offered Amelia. Jasmine added, "The thing that would be hard to do is tracing the shape you want. We need some special markers to help us design them." "Sewing can be a bit of a challenge, especially for the younger kids, but I think we can teach them how to appropriately use the needle. It's actually quite satisfying!" said Gabby. "If we had animal print or fabric that had pictures of animals, it would be really cool to use!" suggested Amelia. Some suggested that we play some relaxing music and to try to get more kids in the club who would be interested in learning how to sew. Then they could make whatever they wanted to. "I think we need some of those things you put on your finger to not get poked, because even experts at sewing sometimes still poke themselves," said Amelia.



Jonah

The kids have really enjoyed playing some organized sports and outdoor games. Noah asked if we could play basketball and Lucas asked if we had a picker. After our game we wanted to do more with a sports club. Some suggestions have been a game called "Capture the Flag" and more basketball. Next week we will organize teams and play some games that the kids come up with.



Christy

I noticed that Amelia wanted to do a paper art club. Some kids asked her what kind of paper club. "Like origami?" asked Gabby. Amelia wasn't sure how to describe her club. She was trying to think of a way to get kids to join. I helped her come up with the name, the art of paper. Amelia made a poster for her club to include some of the examples of things she wants to do. We brainstormed and found some card stock and index cards to start the club. Next week I will bring some ideas and books to help make some fun paper crafts.



Ethan

Ethan likes to play Roblox and fast car games. He likes to color and the colors pumpkins and skulls now that it's Halloween. He hasn't done any clubs at CC but plans on joining the club where they take the electronics apart. That's one of his favorite things to do. He has a Sour Patch Kid's pillow that he wants to show off. He demonstrated how the stuffed sour patch kids fit into the main pillow that looks like a bag. Ethan has a thirteen year old sister and he's got three dogs and a cat. "The cat is my own cat. Its name used to be Iris but now we call her Kitty the Cat." The first dog's name is "Bonsai" (he protects you from being sick). The other dog is "Vanilla". He's the same age as Bonsai. "We just got another dog a few weeks ago name 'Milo'." Ethan also wanted to show us his cool skeleton bones hand tattoo. Pretty Creepy!





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 **Announcements**

November Term break and student led conferences will be the 11th and 12th. Check your email for registration to be opened. Remember to bring a sack lunch that does not need to be heated or refrigerated.



Here's What's Happening This Week!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Amelia's Paper Art</p> 	<p>Lucas's Robotic/Tech Club w/ Jonah</p> 	<p>Gabby and Amelia Sew and Craft w/ Bree</p> 	<p>Learning about Horses</p> 	<p>Sports With Jonah</p> 

Donations

We are looking for loose parts! What is that?

Loose parts are any collection of natural or manmade objects that can be used to extend and further ideas in children's play. They are open-ended materials that can be moved, combined, taken apart, redesigned, lined-up and more! There is no pre-determined use or function. Loose parts are open to a child's interpretation and creative thinking! A loose part can become anything! Loose parts can be thought of as the way for children of all ages to unlock the cognitive and creative mindset that allows them to build, deconstruct, persist, create, and work together to unleash the power of creativity that we all contain.

This week, send anything Wooden or Natural.