



GEORGIA O'KEEFFE NEWSLETTER

NOV 29th – DEC 3rd, 2021

DAILY SCHEDULE

2:00-2:30 Check-In & Round-up
 2:30-5:00 Snack
 2:30-5:15 Self-Selection
 2:30-3:15 Activity I
 3:15-4:00 Activity II
 4:00-4:45 Activity III
 5:00-5:45 Clean Up
 6:00 Close

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 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!

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Site Phone: 504-4943
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Financial Assistance Available:
 (505) 827-7499 or 1-800-832-1321
or by email at
 Child.care@state.nm.us.

- 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!
 - Budgets are tight, want to help? See our Amazon wish list https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/6MQ9LXC7ARS0?ref=wl_share

MONDAY 11/29	TUESDAY 11/30	WEDNESDAY 12/01	THURSDAY 12/02	FRIDAY 12/03
<p>Older Kids Club Meeting w/Alicia</p>  <p>Capture The Flag w/Russell</p>  <p>Making Maracas w/Priscylla</p> 	<p>Stuffed Animal House Making</p>  <p>Human Tic-Tac-Toe w/Janessa</p>  <p>Making Snowflakes w/Ren</p> 	<p>Scavenger Hunt w/Heather</p>  <p>Jeopardy w/Russell</p>  <p>Older Kids Club Kickball w/Vince, Ryan and Alicia</p> 	<p>Pop Up Balloons w/Priscylla</p>  <p>Winter Coloring Page Contest w/Janessa</p>  <p>Nature's Ornament w/Marissa</p> 	<p>Puzzle Competition w/Heather</p>  <p>Freeze Tag w/Ren</p>  <p>Big Nose Bookmark w/Beliz</p> 

FALL DÉCOR

by Janessa

Fall is here and there's no better time to get everyone into those fall feelings! A great way to do that was to make our own fall decorations to make our play areas festive. Making our own decorations did take some time so we had two separate sessions. In session one we worked with a circuit machine and card stock to make fall banners. We listened to some cool music and chose what color card stock we wanted to use for our leaves, turkeys and pumpkins. We had glittery green turkey, pumpkins and even glittery pink leaves! Everyone got the chance to press the go button, remove the card stock from the sticky mat and collect our freshly cut designs. In session two we strung the banners together and hung them up! We put together some centerpieces for our snack tables. We have some cute tin buckets with twine wrapped around the sides. We also used some fake plants, flowers, and leaves and butterfly stickers. Everyone was so eager to make the centerpiece, pick which plants they wanted and where to place stickers. While we were gluing down the plants into the buckets we found some skewered and thought; **"what if we glue the butterflies to the stick and put it next to the flower like it's flying around?!"** So we did! After peeling hot glue strings off our centerpieces we placed them in snack area. A lot of our friends loved the decorations and our areas are looking nice for the rest of November! Stay tuned for winter decor!

Jaehee (7):
Wow! Look at
the machine cut!



Noa (8): It's kind of
hard to put the hot
glue gun in our bucket,
but I still want to try!



MAKING MINECRAFT CHARACTERS WITH ZACH (6)

by Heather

This week, Zach and his friends were talking about Minecraft characters. Then they decided to make an activity about it and Zach would be the leader. We planned the date and materials which are papers, markers, and colored pencils. Every kid was able to draw as many characters from Minecraft as they wanted. During the activity all the kids talked about the game but also started talking about school and how they knew each other. The activity worked really well, everyone got along and drew the characters and also helped others. Afterwards when we asked the kids if they would change anything, they said no and said they loved Zach's activity. The future plan is to create our own 3-D Minecraft character.



QUESTIONS WITH ELIZA, 7 YEARS OLD, 2ND GRADE

by Russell

What is your favorite part of Children's Choice? Playing with my friends and helping the staff.

Have you made any new friends at Children's Choice? And do you spend time with them outside of Children's Choice? Yes and yes. I met Anna here and we started playing together. Now we are friends.

Were you nervous about coming to Children's Choice? No. I knew Beliz before I came and she helped me feel more comfortable.

If someone new was nervous about coming to Children's Choice, what would you say to them to make them not feel nervous? This place is very cool and there are really good people here.

What would make Children's Choice at GOK better? If there were more places to play at and if we could explore the school.



AMONG US CLUB WITH HARRISON (10) AND ELI (9)

by Priscylla

The kids and I built an 'Among Us' airship that is called "The Skeld". 'Among Us' is an extremely popular multiplayer online game. The game is set on a spaceship in outer space, and players are either assigned as Crewmates or Imposters. 'Among Us' is an engaging and social game, and it can be a fun way for kids to connect with friends. The kids tried to make the online game spaceship as realistic as possible!

Harrison (10): The spaceship doesn't have to be very big and long, just a right length for people to enjoy being in it.

Eli (9): I want all the kids to like the final outcome! I mean we haven't started yet but I know it'll look great!

Max W. (8): I think we should make cool designs on the air ship!

Emilia (6): We can add stars and other galaxy stuff so it can look like it is really floating in outer space!

Max G. (7): We should use red and blue for the airship since we don't have gray.

The kids split into two groups to speed up the process of building each side of the airship. Every kid left their own unique mark on the airship. The kids worked as a team to complete the Skeld. There were a few disagreements, but, at the end of the day, everyone agreed to what they should add to the airship and who would do which part of the airship.

Charlotte (6): I like how it's coming out! It's all red and a little bit of blue around it!

Remmi (6): What if we don't finish the airship today?

Sienna L. (6): We will finish it today! Don't worry! We are working really hard to finish.

Eli: I really liked the outcome, even if we had disagreements. I really did like how the airship came out.

Luca (7): I can't wait to use it when we fly to the real map of the Skeld!





RELAY RACE WITH ETHAN

By Marissa

This week, I noticed many of the kids have taken to playing more competitive games and expressed wanting to race each other. I heard **Ethan (8)** say that he wanted all ages of kids to feel welcome to race. He wanted to make the relay races as fair as possible and suggested offering different challenges and opportunities for kids to switch partners.

Ethan: I think that I really race should include challenges such as running, walking, crawling hopping on one foot and we need to make sure everyone has a partner that is very important because I don't want anyone to be left out.

Jack (9): Do we get to choose our own partners?

Ethan: Yes but we will be changing partners throughout the challenge.

Harrison (10): What do we get if we win the race?"

Ethan: Well everyone will get something after the activity because we don't want anyone to get their feelings hurt.

Breen (8): I and my sister should be really good at the running because our mom runs track.

Leo (5): Can we do a baby crawling race I am really good at crawling.

Amelia (9): The relay race has been one of my favorite activities here at CC and I can't wait to do it again.

OLDER KIDS CLUB/CURTAIN ART

By Alicia

Our older kids have been talking a lot about making their area special and unique. They came up with quite a few ideas, and this one seemed like a great idea to follow through on.

The idea was to sign their names and make an individualized drawing on our curtain. Then, future generations of older kids can add on to it, continuing a Children's Choice Georgia O'Keeffe tradition.

What would you change about this activity?

Connor (9): NOTHING! It was perfect!"

Katie (9): I would want to do one with all of CC that everyone could sign and decorate.

Ada (10): If a staff could write "CC OKC" in the middle first because look at how it looks now. It could look better and now there's not a lot of room."

What did you enjoy?

Connor: Everything.

Katie: I enjoyed it because people can make their own unique drawing, and whatever is special to them.

Ada: I like activities where we can do what we want.

