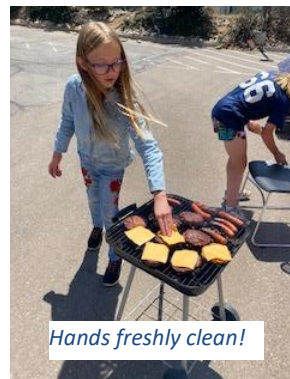


## A CC BBQ

On our full day at Explore, we all decided to have a little barbeque. Bree brought her grill and we made a day out of it. It was an excellent opportunity to have fun and teach some food and fire safety. First, we learned how to form the briquettes on a grill. The kids were interested to learn that they pyramid shape helps the fire combine with the air enough to ignite and get hot enough to get to a good cooking temperature.

Some of the group prepped the hamburgers and hotdogs to send out to the grill. The kids also learned where to stand and taught me a little rabbit rhyme to keep the smoke from coming in our direction. It seemed like a superstition, but it also seemed to work. Wow!!

We put the cheese on and did the final touches from the grill to take the food inside to the snack area. We also did a lesson on watering down the coals until all of the coals were soaked. However, not until after we had a chance to make smores!



## Outdoor Obstacles

I have noticed that our CC kids are very competitive and enjoy a challenge and decided to put them to the test. We brought many different types of equipment outside. I challenged Ben, 7, and Gael, 8, to create something from the equipment. Ben was very excited and screamed, "We can build a fort!"

Gael got right to creating. "What are you building?" Ben asked.

"A long race," replied Gael

Adylyn, 8, came over and started to help Ben and Gael. "Maybe they have to run through the noodles," she said.

"Oh yeah!" Gael and Ben both yelled.

As the race began, Raynor, 8, and Kaidyn, 7, joined. The race was so fast and everyone loved it. After everyone was tired, Kayleigh, 7, came over and told me, "I'm going to build my own race!"





With the end of the year approaching, the kids thought it would be fun to have a carnival.

They were very excited about running booths. Many wanted to do face painting and different games. We formed a circle to help facilitate the planning. One child offered, "I want to do face painting and run the games and do snow cones!" Another child thought it would be too much for one person to do so many jobs. We met and heard everyone out.

"I think it should be up to the kid whether we can do the jobs we want to do"

"I think that that it wouldn't be fair for others not to be able to do the job too."

After hearing others' ideas and sharing more opinions, we came up with an idea to which everyone consented. Everyone that wants to help run a booth will have a chance to run their own or run one with others. And everyone agreed that the goal is to have fun!



## Highlight on Hector, 9

**It's the end of the year, what can you tell us about yourself that we don't already know?** I'm getting my tonsils taken out. I'm kind of nervous. I don't know when yet, though.

**What's your favorite color?** Yellow. I like the texture.

**Do you have any pets?** Two cats. One named Foo and one named Bossy Pants.

**What's your favorite thing to do at CC?** Definitely going outside.

The other kids say that the cool thing about Hector is that he is almost always happy. He is very good at math and seems like he really likes to learn. He is very outdoorsy, acting like superheroes and other types of role playing.



## Sock Puppets

We had some fun with sock animals. Aria and Amelia were focused on how to make sock bunnies.





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### Announcements

Kid Carnival May 23<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5:30

Last Day of School is May 27<sup>th</sup>

## Here's What's Coming!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>16</p> <p>Repotting Our Plants</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>Carnival Decorations</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>Carnival Game Building</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>Making Smoothies!</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>Talent Show Tryouts!</p> 
<p>23</p> <p>Carnival Fun! 4-6 Parents Invited!</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>Final Projects</p> <p>CHILDREN'S DAY</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>Memory Books</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>Field Games!</p> 	<p>27</p> <p>Last Day of School!</p>