



# GEORGIA O'KEEFE NEWSLETTER APR 21<sup>ST</sup> - MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2025

## DAILY SCHEDULE

2:15-2:45 Check-In & Round-up  
 2:45-5:30 Snack  
 2:45-5:15 Self-Selection  
 2:45-5:15 Self Selected Planned Curriculum  
 5:15 Round-up  
 5:15-5:30 Clean Up & Organizing  
 5:30-5:45 Break Down & Clean Up  
 5:30-5:55 Meet on the Berm/  
 Stage  
 6:00 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!**

**Thank you!**

MONDAY 04/21	TUESDAY 04/22	WEDNESDAY 04/23	THURSDAY 04/24	FRIDAY 04/25
<p><b>Older Kids Circle Meeting</b> w/Ray</p>  <p><b>Four Corners</b> w/Samantha</p> <p><b>Tic-Tac-Toe on the Go!</b> w/Tammy</p> 	<p><b>Design Dodgeball Tournament Shirts</b> w/Audrey &amp; Jade</p> <p><b>Squid Games: Six-Legged Race</b> w/Thelma</p> 	<p><b>Monster in a Cup</b> w/Charles</p>  <p><b>Older Kids Club- I Spy a Game Designer Club Play Time! /Day V</b> w/ Ray</p> <p><b>Football Club</b> w/Jade &amp; Thelma</p> 	<p><b>Pokémon Club</b> w/Titus &amp; Zach</p>  <p><b>Engineering a Straw Roller Coaster Celebration of Learning Auction Piece</b> w/Dulce</p> 	<p><b>Harry Potter's Magic Store Diorama Building Day III</b> w/Kori</p> <p><b>Froggy Time</b> w/Rhianna</p> 
MONDAY 04/28	TUESDAY 04/29	WEDNESDAY 04/30	THURSDAY 05/01	FRIDAY 05/02
<p><b>Older Kids Circle Meeting</b> w/Ray</p>  <p><b>Magic Salt Art</b> w/Samantha</p>  <p><b>Nature Walk Bingo</b> w/Tammy</p>	<p><b>Fairy Hair/Hair Tinsel Practice for Celebration of Learning</b> w/Jade &amp; Thelma</p>  <p><b>Potato &amp; Apple Launchers</b> w/Audrey</p>	<p><b>Comedy Club</b> w/Charles</p>  <p><b>Older Kids Club- Harry Potter Club House Sorting /Day I</b> w/ Ray</p> <p><b>Football Club</b> w/Jade &amp; Thelma</p> 	<p><b>Pokémon Club</b> w/Titus &amp; Zach</p>  <p><b>Secret Agent Tag</b> w/Dulce</p>  <p><b>Paper Dragon Puppets</b> w/Weston, Colton, Isaiah &amp; Thelma</p>	<p><b>DIY Seaweed Facial Masks</b> w/Abrianna, Sienna L &amp; Kori</p> <p><b>Balloon Conga-Line</b> w/Rhianna</p> 

## DIY Lip Balm w/Anayah I. (6)

Working together with **Anayah I.** we talked about different activities which could include scent and color. After searching for different options, we came up with creating a DIY lip balm. Starting it was a learning process in making each lip balm. We learned the ingredients to make them included beeswax, shea butter, and almond oil. When mixing these ingredients, we melted it then each person went to individually pick their scent and color of lip balm. The scents we had were strawberry, lavender, milk, and lemon. Lastly, we added mica powder to change the color of the lip balm. We practiced several cognitive skills such as experimenting and problem-solving. There were a couple of challenges we faced during the process such as melting the beeswax completely. Also, we noticed the lip balm took a long time to form into a solid, so **Abrianna (10)** and **Sienna L (10)** had the great idea of putting the lip balm in the freezer to make the process faster. It turned out a success, the kids enjoyed smelling and trying out their new lip balms.





### Ice Cream in a Bag

For this week's activity we learned how to make ice cream in a bag. This is a super simple and easy activity anyone can do at home. It was fun to learn how you can make ice cream in a bag. We learned that you add salt to the ice to help it get colder faster. We thought of more ways to improve this activity in the future by adding toppings or making different flavors.

"I think it was really fun and messy at the same time and the ice cream looks really delicious and I can't wait to try it" - **Arianna (7)**

"It was only mush but it still tasted good" - **Mae E. (9)**

Although the visual presentation was a little sloppy, we were all happy that the favor turned out better, which was a win in our book!



## Make Your Own Drum

Kids love making things that they can keep and play with. They also love making noise and moving around a lot. Thus, a handheld drum. Music is a planet-wide method of creating and exploring culture. This activity aimed to lead them to explore their interests in music and culture.

The kids used scissors, cardboard, lengths of twine and wooden dowels. They traced a plastic jar to create a circle of cardboard for the drum. Then they pushed a dowel into the visible cardboard corrugation to create a handle. They used pencils to poke holes into each side of their circle to thread the twine through, tying a knot into one end of the twine to keep it in position. They had fun choosing beads to put onto their twine before having to tie one more knot to keep the beads in place. Beads went flying a few times, but that created an opportunity to go back and problem solve. In the end, the kids had a basic twist drum and the ability to improve upon the design. There are more complex ways to make a drum that are still accessible to kids so it would be fun to reintroduce the activity with more advanced materials.



## Older Kids Club- I Spy Club!

After some busy weeks and Spring Break, Older Kids Club started up again with our "I Spy" club! We worked together on a difficult task; creating poems. The kids were excited to explore Haikus and +-discuss potential rhymes.

"Can hedgehog rhyme with ladybug?" **Sagun (9)** asked.

"Yeah, kind of! If you say it like 'hedge-hug' or 'lady-bog', it does. What about saying a ladybug that hugs?" **Sagun** loved it, and added small "hugs" onto her page, which she named "Crazy Page!"

**George (8)** worked with descriptions of his items, adding some extra items for easier rhymes! "I spy a little bag of gold, a googly eye, and a snowflake that's cold. A glue bottle cap, an arm and a very small map."

Lots of kids passing by were happy to help! **Alex Br. (7)** exclaimed, "You should draw a comma there, then it can be llama and comma!" We found in the end that rhymes themselves aren't as hard as we expected, despite our initial fears. The kids will surely be rhyming their hearts out for the rest of the week!



## Interview with Madison (8), 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

**Who am I here with today?** Madison

**What grade are you in?** I am in third grade.

**How are you doing today?** I'm good!

**Do you have any siblings?** I have a brother that is two, and then I have another brother that is four.

**What do you think makes you a good sister?** Um, I think it's because when my brothers cry a lot, I help them, and I'm like, "What's wrong?" and I just support them.

**How is the world different from when your parents were your age?** They said that back in the day, there was not a lot of technology like we have, and they had flip phones instead of iPhones.

**What do you like to do in your free time?** I either like to watch movies or go outside and play and roller skate, or sometimes I play on my iPad with my friends or call them.

**What's your favorite thing to do in school?** Probably write. I love writing because it's just fun. I love how my handwriting looks. I also love to write in cursive.

**If you could go back in time, what is something you would do differently?**

One time, I dug up a hole in my backyard, and I didn't mean to on purpose, and my mom said "Don't dig up holes in the backyard!" I put my Lego there, and then I was just looking for my Lego the whole entire year, and it just stayed there, and my mom was like, "I told you not to put your Lego there".

**What would you like to do when you get older?** Go to Hawaii and travel the world. I love travelling, I don't like just being stuck in one place. I love going around the world and trying new things.

**If you could start your own business, what would it be?**

If I could start my own business, it would probably be a nail salon. I would probably also run a new restaurant because I know a lot of people in New Mexico are getting bored of it because there's really nothing to eat. I would also make a really cool place for dogs and kids because a lot of people are saying New Mexico doesn't have anything to do.

**What's the best thing to do on the weekend?**

Sleep in! I go to the bus, so I have to wake up at 5:50, and I'm always so sleepy.

**What do you want to do that you're too scared to try?**

When I went to California, there was this big pool, and then there was a really high diving board, and I was like 5, and I am still scared of it. It's like where you jump, and it's really high, and I'm just so scared.

**What do your parents do that you want to do, too?**

My mom works in HR, human resources, and she sits in an office, and it's like so pretty. She has like pink stuff around it, and she just types all day, and I love typing. I also love being on a computer, so I think if I work for HR, that would be cool.

**Thanks, Madi for your time!**



## OUR SPRING SEMESTER STAFF 2024/2025 SCHOOL YEAR



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**Rhianna Manes**

### REMINDERS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Check our Lost and Found for missing items. Items are moved to the school's Lost and Found every day!
- Please bring a labeled water bottle each day, if possible!
- If your child (ren) needs specific sunscreen please send it with them!

### HELPFUL INFORMATION

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