



# GEORGIA O'KEEFE NEWSLETTER APR 7<sup>TH</sup> - 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

**DAILY SCHEDULE**

2:15-2:45 Check-In & Round-up  
 2:45-5:30 Snack  
 2:45-5:00 Self-Selection  
 2:45-5:00 Self Selected Planned Curriculum  
 5:00 Round-up  
 5:05-5:20 Clean Up & Organizing  
 5:25-5:45 Break Down & Clean Up  
 5:25-5:55 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!**

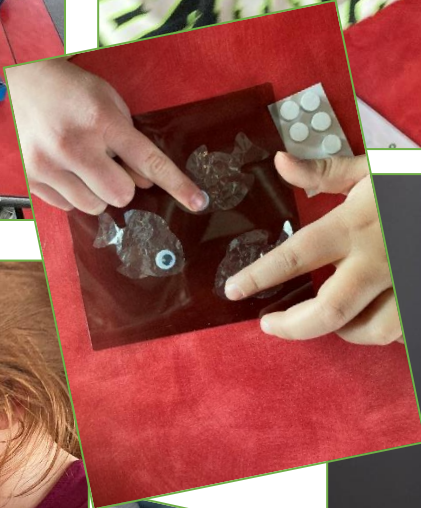
**Thank you!**

MONDAY 04/07	TUESDAY 04/08	WEDNESDAY 04/09	THURSDAY 04/10	FRIDAY 04/11
<p><b>Older Kids Circle Meeting</b> w/Ray</p>  <p><b>Surprise Bath Bombs</b> w/Anayah I. &amp; Audrey</p> <p><b>Bat &amp; Moth</b> w/Sam</p> 	<p><b>Forensic Sketch Challenge</b> w/Tammy</p>  <p><b>Harry Potter's Magic Store Diorama Building Day I</b> w/Kori</p>	<p><b>Comedy Club</b> w/Charles</p>  <p><b>Older Kids Club- I Spy a Game Designer Club /Day IV</b> Original Games Designing w/ Charlotte T. &amp; Ray</p> <p><b>Football Club</b> w/Matt &amp; Thelma</p> 	<p><b>Pokémon Club</b> w/Titus &amp; Zach</p>  <p><b>Engineering a Straw Roller Coaster</b> w/Dulce</p> <p><b>Superhero Shield</b> w/Thelma</p>	<p><b>Captain America Target Practice</b> w/Thelma</p>  <p><b>Harry Potter's Magic Store Diorama Building Day II</b> w/Kori</p>
MONDAY 04/14	TUESDAY 04/15	WEDNESDAY 04/16	THURSDAY 04/17	FRIDAY 04/18
<p><b>Older Kids Circle Meeting</b> w/Ray</p>  <p><b>Shape Dodgeball</b> w/Bryce G. &amp; Tammy</p> <p><b>Making Your Own Paper Airplane &amp; Contest</b> w/Sam</p>	<p><b>Easter Egg Hunt</b> w/Audrey</p>  <p><b>Fairy Hair/Hair Tinsel</b> Practice for Celebration of Learning w/Jade &amp; Thelma</p>	<p><b>Parent/Teacher Conferences</b></p>  <p><b>NO SCHOOL CC OPEN @OSUNA 7 AM- 6 PM</b></p> <p><b>BRING YOUR LUNCH</b></p> 	<p><b>Parent/Teacher Conferences</b></p>  <p><b>NO SCHOOL CC OPEN @OSUNA 7 AM- 6 PM</b></p> <p><b>BRING YOUR LUNCH</b></p> 	<p><b>VERNAL HOLIDAY</b></p>  <p><b>NO SCHOOL CC OPEN @OSUNA 7 AM- 6 PM</b></p> <p><b>BRING YOUR LUNCH</b></p> 

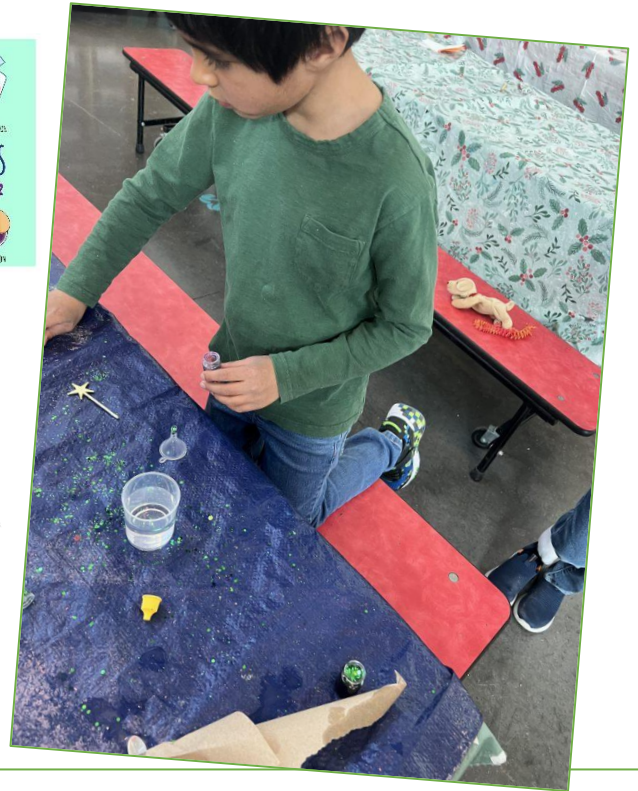


## Polarization

During this activity, we learned about the magic and science of polarization. We got to create fish art that actually changed colors when you move the filter lens. **Olivia (8)** "How will the fish change color if they are clear right now?" We learned polarization is a way to describe how light waves travel. We also learned that normally these waves can move in many different directions. But when light is polarized, it means the waves are all moving in the same direction, like soldiers marching in a line. This is important because it helps us see things more clearly. For example, polarized sunglasses can block out the extra light from the sun that makes it hard to see, like the glare from water or a shiny surface. So, polarization helps us by making the light more organized and easier to look at. At the end of the activity we created a message using polarized tiles, and you can only see the message when you wear polarized sunglasses. **George (8)** "This looks silly, I really want to see the message with the polarized glasses!" We were so excited about learning what polarization was we just had to show our parents! **Wren (5)** "Can I show my dad the magic fish we made today!"







## Magic Potions

Magic Potion making class, an idea led by our own Children's Choice kid, **Meleena (10)**, was a big hit amongst kids of all ages. It was so much fun seeing everyone making potions from our little booklet we had or even coming up with their own. Some of us made potions that have the power of strength, or friendship or even not being allowed to open one because a dragon will come out. "Orange potion has an egg in it and the blue one does too. The blue one can screech so loud it can break glass, and if you open the potion it will let the dragon out"- **Alexander B. (7)**

Although this activity came with its own instruction on what potions you can put together, almost every kid wanted to make something that wasn't written down. This was a great opportunity for us to explore our creative imagination, self-expression and definitely something we'd like to do again in the future.

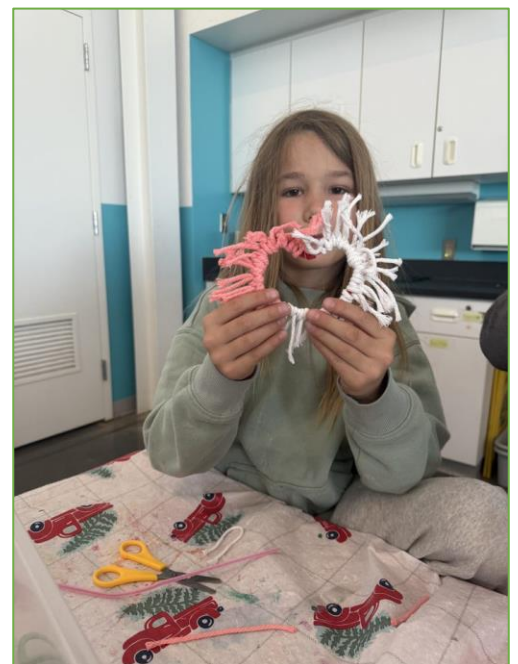




## Macramé Hearts

The kids wanted to create unique pieces of art that they could gift to family or friends and even keep for themselves. In this activity, we made Macramé hearts using pipe cleaners and macramé rope. First, we started off shaping the pipe cleaner into a heart and twisted it together. After we learned how to tie the rope around the pipe cleaner, we repetitively kept tying each piece of rope until it filled the pipe cleaner creating a heart. Many kids had creative ideas along the way with different shapes, colors, and lengths of rope. Lots of kids were enthusiastic and happy to learn a new skill and make different creative decisions with their pieces. **Claire (6)** was happy she learned a new trick on how to tie a knot and was excited to help others along the way. The kids had a lot of fun with this art activity and were excited to show everyone what they made.

**Mae (10)** said "this string is too long!" **Roman (9)** said, "I'm making this heart for my mom!". **Sienna L (10)** said I'm going to do the heart half white and half red.

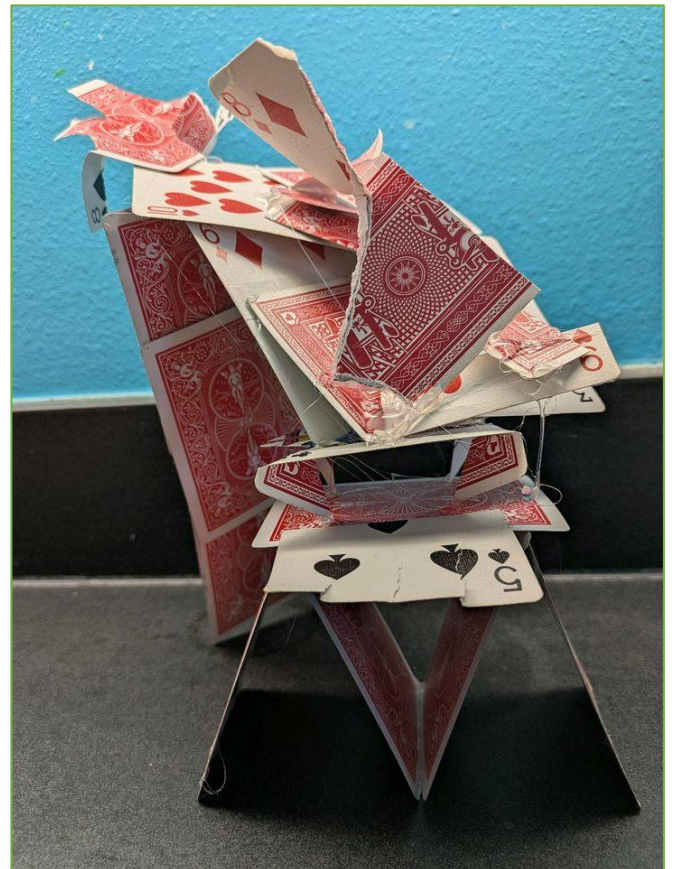




## Older Kids Club

### I Spy a Game Designer Club-Day I

This week, older kids did something a little different- we started to branch out into using our knowledge and skills in combination with the younger kids! For today, we just worked on creating our initial "I-Spy" sheets. The kids each chose a theme, color, or just items they liked, and got to work placing them all over! Some kids, like **Sagun (9)** and **Beau (7)**, took the concept of "people have to find the items you hide" very literally. They made 3D sculptures and hid figured underneath or behind things, where they didn't even show up in the pictures! Others, like **Charlotte T. (9)** and **Ruby (8)**, picked a clear theme and stuck with it. **Charlotte** spent a lot of time with the playing cards, working hard to cut out intricate patterns for her creation. **Ruby** stuck with snowflakes and cards, and even added some details that came off of the paper. Still others, like **Mae (10)** and **George (8)**, told fascinating stories through their pieces- **Mae** found some "injured" animal figures, and decided to completely decapitate them for her piece. **George** made a retelling of Shakespeare. Next time, we'll all work together to name our pieces and come up with our I-spy poems. We're sure the creativity will continue!





## Karaoke

We had a fantastic karaoke activity that brought out everyone's inner superstar. The kids took turns choosing their favorite songs and performing them with great enthusiasm. Some sang solo, while others teamed up for duets and group performances. The room was filled with laughter, cheers, and applause as each child took the stage. It was heartwarming to see them support and encourage each other, making it a memorable and confidence-boosting experience for all. The karaoke session not only provided a fun and entertaining time but also helped the kids bond and express themselves creatively.



## Interview with Zach B. (9), 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

**Hi Zach, would you like to be interviewed for our newsletter?**  
Oh, yeah! **Sounds great!** **How was your day so far?** Good, Thanks.  
**Ok, let's ask some questions to get to know you and your world better.** Ok, I'm ready!  
**What's your favorite treat?** Hmm... MUSHROOMS!!! **Why?** I just like them. **Fair enough.**  
**If you became famous, what would you want to be known for?**  
Probably... Paleontology. We found a lot of cool finds of fossils!  
We found lots of coral, and lots of shells. And my dad might've found a horseshoe crab.  
**What book character would you most like to be and why?** I'm thinking about this book, "National Park and Mystery" series. I kind of like how much adventure Abe gets into. He meets a lot of different people. It would be a little hard to be Abe though, because he almost dies five times. But he survived, and he's on an ancient mystery too!  
**How is the world different from when your parents were little?**  
Well, there's definitely more technology. And different kinds of animals have been discovered. **Can you think of any new animals off the top of your head?** Oh yeah, I can think of one. The colossal squid!  
**Do things mostly go wrong or mostly go right for you?** That's a hard question... Sometimes things go bad, then they perk up a little bit.

Thanks Zach!



Zach  
The Box Turtle

## OUR SPRING SEMESTER STAFF 2024/2025 SCHOOL YEAR



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### 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!

### HELPFUL INFORMATION

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