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YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY IS OUR TOP PRIORITY! IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT FROM CHILDREN'S CHOICE ON A DAY THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO ATTEND OR IF THEY WILL BE AT AN AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB INSTEAD, PLEASE CALL / TEXT OUR SITE PHONE AT (505) 504-4943 TO LET US KNOW. WHEN A CHILD DOESN'T ARRIVE AS EXPECTED, WE STOP EVERYTHING TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE SAFE AND ACCOUNTED FOR. A QUICK MESSAGE FROM YOU HELPS US AVOID DELAYS, KEEPS OUR PROGRAM RUNNING SMOOTHLY, AND—MOST IMPORTANTLY—ENSURES EVERY CHILD'S SAFETY. THANK YOU FOR HELPING US CARE FOR YOUR CHILDREN!



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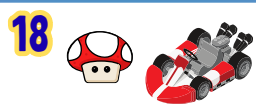
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MONDAY



MARIO KART
W/RHIANNA

**HEAD, SHOULDERS,
KNEE'S AND CUP**
W/ROSIE

BALLOON TENNIS
W/ GIANNA

3D PRINTING CLUB W/ BELIZ

TUESDAY



**HULA HOOP
BOWLING**
W/CADEN



WIFFEL BALL
W/ILIANA & JAYDEN

3D PRINTING CLUB W/ BELIZ

WEDNESDAY



BUG COLLECTING
W/AUDREY & TYLETTE

DRIP, DRIP, SPLASH
W/JADE

**GLADIATOR
KNOCKOUT CIRCLE**
W/ ETHAN

3D PRINTING CLUB W/ BELIZ

THURSDAY



POKÉMON CLUB
W/ AMIR & OWEN

**5TH GRADE
FIELDTRIP TO
STARBUCKS**
3PM-5PM

CATERPILLAR TAG
W/CHARLES

3D PRINTING CLUB W/ BELIZ

FRIDAY



FOOTBALL CLUB
W/CISCO

HUCKLE BUCKLE
W/KORI

**CRAB WALK
SOCCER**
W/ LEXI

3D PRINTING CLUB W/ BELIZ

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**MEMORIAL
DAY**

**CC CLOSED
MEMORIAL DAY!**



NOODLE BALL
W/ADRIAN



**SHARKS &
LIFEGUARDS**
W/ EDMUND

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**FIELD DAY!
ROLLER SKATING,
KONA ICE AND
DANCE PARTY**



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POKÉMON CLUB
W/ AMIR & OWEN



SARDINES
W/AUDREY

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**CC CLOSED
HAVE A GREAT
SUMMER!**



Balloon Inflation With Cisco

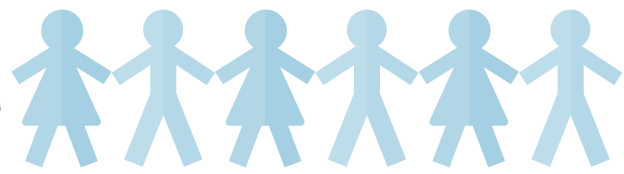


The idea for this activity came from a simple science experiment and I expected it to be fun and a little surprising for the kids, and it definitely was. We had many familiar faces, those of **Nora (6)**, **Achilles (10)**, **Brayden (10)**, **Brandon (6)**, **Diego (6)** and **Carlos (10)** just to name a few. I prepped by gathering supplies and setting quick rules so everyone stayed safe and took turns. During the activity, they were super excited and really into it, especially when they saw the reaction happen. I felt good going into it, even better while it was happening, and really happy after because it went pretty much how I hoped. The result was exactly what I expected and kept their attention the whole time. What went well was how engaged and curious they were, and next time they'd probably want to try different versions or make it bigger. I'd definitely do this again or build off it with more fun experiments.



Paper Dolls

With Elodie and Bree



Elodie (11) ran her activity called *Paper Dolls*. She learned about this activity in an art class at school.

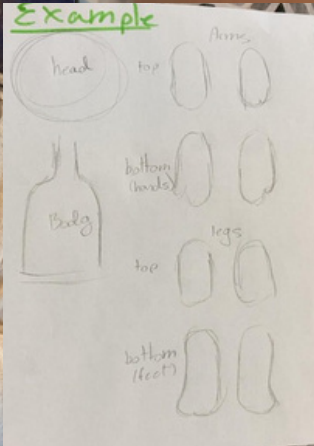
“Hey kids....today we are going to be doing a project making dolls out of paper. The cool thing about the way we are going to make them, is that their arms and legs will be able to move. So be as creative as you would like because it’s YOUR doll.”

Elodie then proceeded to show examples of the structure of the dolls. She had multiple designs to give everyone different ideas. “I see that some of

you are copying my exact ideas, and although that’s okay, I really would like to see you do your own designs and make your dolls differently from mine. Everyone’s ideas are perfect.” Elodie was very kind and patient with all the kids who joined her activity. She encouraged everyone and helped out all around. After they drew their outlines, they

then started adding details to the faces and clothes on the bodies. Elodie also had an example paper of some ideas for these. All her examples were hand drawn by herself. Once all colors and designs were done, it was time to cut out all the pieces. We then laminated all the cutouts. Then using fasteners, they put the body together.

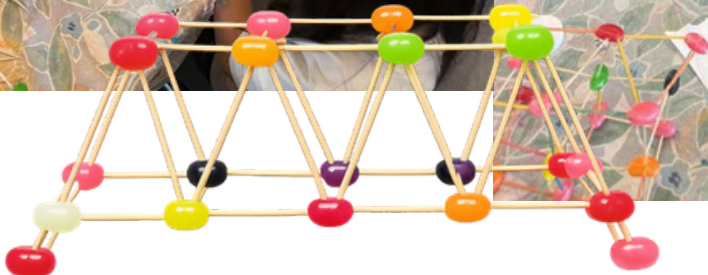
Everyone in her club was happy with their end results and some kids made more than one doll so their dolls can have friends



The Jelly Bean Building Challenge with Caden

The Jelly Bean Building Challenge was a hands-on STEM activity that encouraged creativity, teamwork, and problem solving as children used jelly beans and toothpicks to build towers, and unique structures.

The participants stayed highly engaged while developing fine motor skills by connecting materials and using critical thinking to make their designs stable and taller. Many children experimented through trial and error, learning which techniques would work the best. Challenges such as structures falling apart created opportunities for problem solving leading to better towers. The activity was interactive, educational, and fun. The kids were often saying *"Look how tall mine is getting"* or something like *"We need more jelly beans!"*. Everyone really seemed to enjoy the jelly bean activity and it was a great activity



Older Kids Club



This week in Older Kids Club the kids brought back an old favorite activity. Crochet Club!! With help from Kori everyone got the chance and opportunity to join and learn how to start on new projects. Some of our returning friends already had items in mind on what they wanted to create like Sagun. She used her time and technique to create a crocheted purse. Once a few newer kids learned how to start their own project they started out with some more simple but creative things like **Aniya C. (10)** she continued a chain stitch and made a long snake. It was great to see a nice bond over a wonderful hobby happen between others, like **Averi (11)**. She took the time to stop her project and help her sister **Tylette (10)** learn how to do some quick stitches. Overall this weeks club was great and everyone was happy to bring it back! Can't wait to see what else they make!



Sagun (11)

Handmade purse



Kid Spotlight

Meet Nelson (9) 3rd grade

Today we are joined by Nelson, an imaginative, intelligent, and adventurous 9-year-old with a big personality and even bigger ideas. Whether he's creating future airplane companies with his friends, learning new languages, or taking on science projects, Nelson brings creativity, curiosity, and humor into everything he does.

What do you like most about school?

Uhm that we get to do fun stuff at school. We get to do projects that I like. I get to do a lot of science projects.

What do you wish you were allowed to do that you've been previously told you can't?

At school it's probably like jumping off the swings. Yeah I like doing that, but I'm sad that I can't. I mean I understand why I can't do it cause you could get hurt but I'm pretty good at it and I just, I like doing it, it's really fun. I mean I only do it when it's over woodchips or when I land over woodchips.

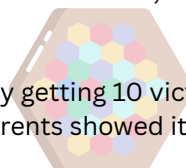


What trip would you most like to take and why?

Somewhere I would like to go? I want to go to another country, so what country though? Probably the Netherlands maybe? It's pretty cold, my dad went there for like for a long time. It was for church, I've seen a picture of a, like, a letter that my grandma sent to him, and I'm also learning Dutch.

What's your favorite toy/game and why?

One of my favorites is Settlers of Catan . It's a board game, you win by getting 10 victory points by the end of the turn, that's when the end of the game is. My parents showed it to me.



What do you love most about your best friends?

Like Theodore, George and Alex, the one that doesn't go to CC help me, like we've kind of started a business. It's not really a business yet, it's not really a company yet but it's called Areotech. We spelled it wrong, so the name's Areotech. Kind of like Google. They spelled the name wrong. It was meant to be the googol mathematical; G-O-O-G-O-L but he ended up spelling it Google. It's kind of like that. So you spell it A-R-E-O instead of A-E-R-O. It's going to be like an airplane company, kind of like Boeing or Airbus. I want to build planes and helicopters.

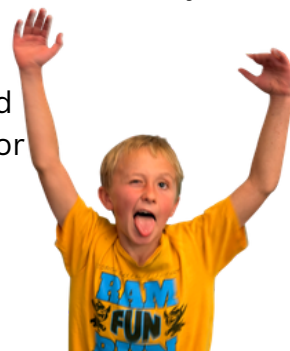
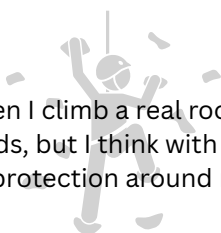
So you're not afraid of heights?

Well what im saying is, when I go up in a tree, I'm not afraid of heights. When I climb a real rock wall, I'm sort of and when I climb a synthetic rock wall, I am. So it depends, but I think with airplanes I wouldn't be because there's ground underneath me and there's protection around me.

What's the worst thing about being old?

I'm not old so... uh they're not young? I mean it's one of the worst things. Also that you don't get to do all of the things that a kid does. You have less responsibility when you're a kid. Like you don't have to know your social security number.

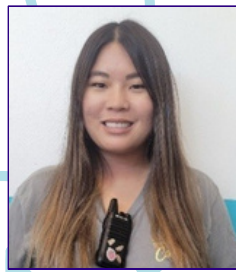
Talking with Nelson showed just how thoughtful, funny, and determined he is. Whether he was sharing stories about his family, science projects, or the future company he hopes to build with his friends, he spoke with excitement and passion. It was a pleasure hearing his ideas, learning about his interests, and what makes him so unique.



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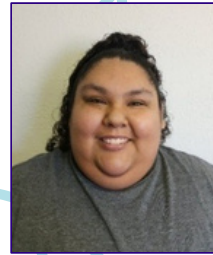
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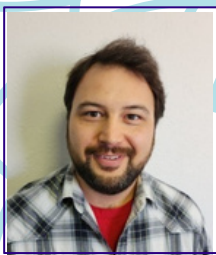
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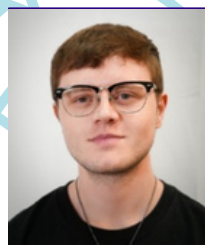
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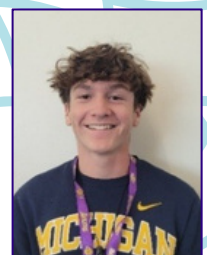
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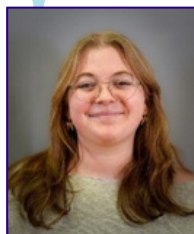
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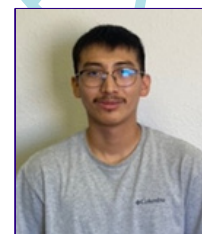
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- **Lost and Found:** Our lost and found is filling up quickly. Please take a moment to check for any missing items. **Unclaimed items will be donated every Friday.**
- Please bring a labeled water bottle each day, if possible!

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