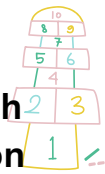
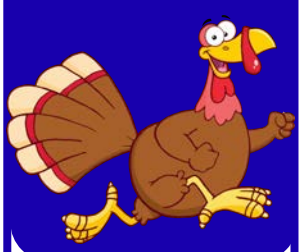
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North Star News

Calendar of Activities

November 9th- 20th 2026



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9 Huddle Up and Play With Michael and Jackson  Pokemon Cards with Maggie and Wesley  Build A Hopscotch With Mason 	**10** All About Me Board with Selena  Paint Volcano with Danielle Kindness Club with Juani  Lanyard Making with Alex 	**11** Veterans Day Full Day Care Available 7AM- 6PM Please be sure to register beforehand, and to pack a lunch	**12** Grow Your Own Way with Amara  Ice Melt Challenge with Allana  Butter Squishy Making with Aleyda, Hannah, & Shivansh 	**13**  Let's Make A Commercial with Charles  Stone Soup with Maggie  Creat Your Own Rocket with Annie
16  Wiffle Ball with Alex and Jackson Making Apple Cider with Maggie  Protect The Pins with Angel 	**17** Volcanoes with Selena  Oil Pastels with Danielle  Kindness Club with Juani  Portrait Making With Mason and Nolan	**18** Paper Bag Scarecrow With Kimberly  Crab Soccer With Michael  Turkey Trot 3:30 PM 	**19** Ultimate Human Knot Challenge with Amara Four Square Tournament with Allana Rainbow Fruit Cups with Aleyda  Wells Park Fieldtrip 2:45- 5:30 PM	**20** Pool Noodle Hockey with Charles Wand Making Magic with Maggie and Rayaan  Leaf Monsters With Angel 

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- If your child will not be attending our afternoon program and/or if your child has any after school clubs, please call or text our site phone at (505) 504-4557 and let us know. Thank you!
- Please have your ID handy so we can ensure everyone goes home safely. Thank you!

Wolf Pack Spotlight:

This week, we are getting to know six-year-old Remi! From creating artwork to playing with his little brother, Remi shares some of his favorite things and the exciting adventures he has coming up!



“My name is Remi and I am six years old. I like to play puppies with River, my little brother. We pretend that he is a puppies and I pretend that I am his owner. I also like to play Magnetiles. At Children’s Choice, I like to go to the Art Area and make things. I like to draw my little brother River. I’m excited because after today we’re going to go on a plane to go see the Kings play and then we will go on a cruise. My mom and dad have been on a cruise before but me and my brother haven’t. My favorite vacation that I have taken is when I went to the California Beach, but did you know it got flooded?”

The Great Children's Choice Turkey Trot

One of our favorite Thanksgiving traditions at Children's Choice is our annual Turkey Trot! Each year, a staff member transforms into a silly, speedy turkey, and the kids get ready to chase them down in hopes of catching a colorful feather! But here's the exciting part: each feather color represents a different prize! Kids who successfully grab a feather can redeem it for a special Thanksgiving prize, with some lucky winners taking home delicious dinner fixings like turkey, stuffing, and desserts to share with their families.

Our Turkey Trot will take place in two groups: K–2 and grades 3–5. One brave staff member will take on the role of the turkey for our older group, and the first-place winner will earn the special opportunity to become the turkey for the younger group! We can't wait to see who catches the turkey and who gets to take on the role next!

Join us Wednesday, November 18th, at 3:30 PM to cheer on your kids as they race to catch those colorful feathers (and maybe even the golden turkey)! There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each age group.

We can't wait to see everyone there!



Upcoming Full Days and Holiday Closures

We have several upcoming full days and holiday closures to keep on your radar!

- Wednesday, 11/11: Veterans Day – Full Day Care 7AM-6PM.
- Monday, 11/23: Conference Day – Full Day Care 7AM-6PM.
- Tuesday, 11/24: Conference Day – Full Day Care 7AM-6PM.
- Wednesday, 11/25: School closed for Thanksgiving Break– Full Day Care 7AM-6PM.
- Thursday, 11/26: Thanksgiving Break – Children's Choice will be CLOSED
- Friday, 11/27: Thanksgiving Break – Children's Choice will be CLOSED

A few important reminders:

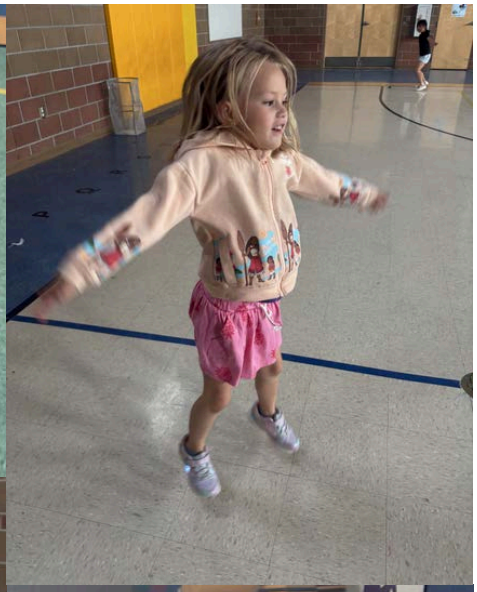
- Registration is required for all full days. Full Day Care is separate from our regular After School Care program, so please make sure to register your child in advance!
- Please pack a lunch for your child that does not require refrigeration or heating.

Thank you for helping us plan ahead! We appreciate you and look forward to spending these upcoming full days with your kiddos!

Pop Goes The Challenge!

North Star kids put their problem-solving skills to the test with a fun balloon-popping challenge! Each balloon held a secret mission that kids had to complete before moving on to the next one. From running around the gym to completing 15 sit-ups and giving staff a high five, every balloon brought a new challenge!









Grace cheered, "Okay, I got this!" while Rose proudly declared, "I'm not giving up!" Their words showed determination, confidence, and a can-do attitude!

Through this exciting activity, kids practiced problem-solving, teamwork, and communication while getting their bodies moving. Most importantly, they learned that with a little perseverance and a positive attitude, they can tackle any challenge that comes their way!

Cone-Quering Challenges!





North Star kids put their strategic thinking to the test in a fun cone-knocking challenge! Using heavy bean bags, kids experimented with different ways to knock down as many cones as possible while racing against their opponents.

After the first round, kids quickly realized that knocking over the cones was harder than it looked! **Daniel suggested, "Hey guys, maybe we can throw two at a time!"** As the challenge continued, kids shared new ideas and adjusted their strategies. **Grace encouraged her teammates to "Try to chuck them!"** which turned out to be one of the most successful ways to knock down the cones!

With plenty of trial and error, creative thinking, and teamwork, kids discovered that sometimes trying a different approach makes all the difference. They worked together, communicated their ideas, and celebrated multiple victories along the way!

Ready, Set, RALLY!







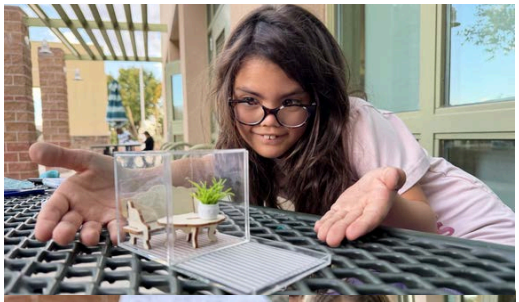
North Star kids split into two teams and put their teamwork skills to the test in this fast-paced challenge! Kids raced to designated spots before heading back to tackle a group mission. But there was a twist! Their challenges included lining up in alphabetical order by name WITHOUT talking or arranging themselves by birthday WITHOUT using numbers! That meant lots of thinking, hand gestures, creative signals, and a little bit of teamwork magic! Kids had to get creative with how they communicated, listen to one another, and work together to get everyone in the right order.

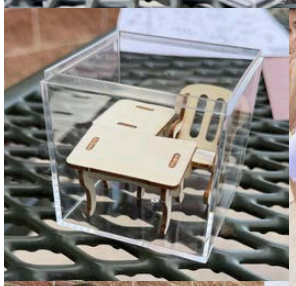
Mabel proudly cheered, "We did it in less than a minute!" Talk about teamwork at lightning speed!

Through all the racing, strategizing, and celebrating, kids practiced communication, cooperation, critical thinking, and problem-solving. They discovered that sometimes the best way to cross the finish line is by working together!

Little Spaces, BIG Imaginations!

Tiny furniture, little plants, colorful paper, and BIG imaginations! North Star kids got busy designing their very own miniature dioramas. Using small wooden furniture pieces, miniature plants, markers, origami paper, stickers, and other decorative materials, kids furnished and personalized their own little spaces, adding special details to bring each design to life!











Some kids created cozy homes, while others went in completely different directions. Isabella proudly shared that hers had a front yard, while Adalyn designed a two-story loft with a home on the bottom and a bedroom on top. Lexi went with a wildflower theme because, as she put it, **"I love flowers!"** Max even created a miniature school, explaining, **"I built mine like a school, cause I love school. This is why I love North Star!"**

Kids were so immersed in their projects that they wanted to keep building even after time was up! Kids practiced planning, attention to detail, and creative expression while turning simple materials into miniature worlds of their own.