




GEORGIA O'KEEFE
NEWSLETTER
OCT 14TH - 25TH, 2024

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
 5:15-6:00 Meet on the Berm/
 Stage
 5:15-5:45 Break Down and Clean Up
 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 10/14	TUESDAY 10/15	WEDNESDAY 10/16	THURSDAY 10/17	FRIDAY 10/18
<p>No School CC open at GOK 7 AM- 6 PM</p> <p>Bring Your Lunch</p>  <p>Happy Indigenous People's Day!</p> 	<p>Design Your Own Hot Air Balloon w/Tammy</p>  <p>Hallow Painting w/Maria</p> <p>Musical Chairs w/Waaz & Dulce</p>	<p>Comedy Club w/Charles</p>  <p>Older Kids Club Older Kids Yoga w/Ray</p>  <p>Zombie Infection w/Ashleigh</p>	<p>Pokémon Club w/Tannyn</p>  <p>Boat Making w/Sagun & Thelma</p> <p>Balloon Volleyball w/Audrey</p> 	<p>Freeze Dance w/Stickers w/Josh & Taryn</p>  <p>Line Tag w/Alec</p> <p>Knee Relay w/Jade</p>
MONDAY 10/21	TUESDAY 10/22	WEDNESDAY 10/23	THURSDAY 10/24	FRIDAY 10/25
<p>Older Kids Circle Meeting w/Ray</p>  <p>D'N'D Club w/Colton B., Weston B., Will R. & Tannyn</p> <p>Spooky Scary Skeletons w/Kaela</p>	<p>Making Superhero Capes w/Abrianna & Kori</p>  <p>Nature Matching Game w/Maria</p> <p>Black Light Blue Beverages w/Dulce</p>	<p>Older Kids Club Honey, I Love you, But I Just Can't Smile w/Ray</p> <p>Ship and Shore w/Thelma</p> <p>Sock Pumpkin w/Elodie & Jade</p> 	<p>Pokémon Club w/Tannyn</p>  <p>Lemonade Stand w/Cyrus</p>  <p>Batman Cave w/Justin & Audrey</p>	<p>Roll-a-Jack-O-Lantern w/Ashleigh</p>  <p>Paper Marbling Art w/Beliz</p> <p>Learning Sportsmanship Skills Club w/Tannyn</p>

Fairy Hair/Hair Tinsel

This week we ran an activity doing fairy hair/ hair tinsel. The first day we had a group of enthusiastic girls who wanted to learn how to put hair tinsel in another people's hair. We took the time to properly learn how to add extensions to the hair with a lot of hands-on experience and some trial and error. It took the girls a couple of tries to get the hang of it but soon after they were able to run the activity themselves!

Madison (8) worked hard trying to perfect her technique so she could show **Beliz** and put it in her hair. **Sienna L (10)** was excited to show her grandma what she learned so she put some tinsel in her grandma's hair. After practicing on each other we were ready to put it into full swing the next day for the rest of the kids who wanted tinsel. The group of girls were eager to put it on their friends. It was fun to see everyone so excited to do the activity! We got a group of some brave boys who wanted to be part of the activity **Josh (9)**, **Peter (8)**, **Carson J (8)**, **Colin (8)**, and **Maverick (5)** ended up loving the results of their hair! **Eliza (10)** loved the activity so much that she asked to purchase her own kit to do at home. Overall the kids enjoyed doing the activity and even requested to do it again!



Finger Puppets

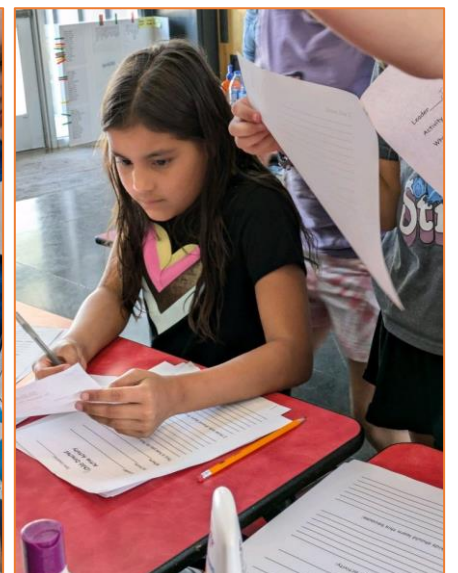
Since the kids love crafting around here, we made some DIY finger puppets! Although we had some animal templates ready to be traced and cut out, some kiddos decided to use their imagination and make a puppet all on their own. The process of creating something naturally gets kids thinking about the final product, and the steps they need to take to get there. This activity provided opportunities for boosting fine motor and language skills while exercising imagination through creative storytelling. The finger puppets turned out amazing and the kiddos continued role-playing with them throughout the day.



George (7): I chose a snake because it's my favorite animal even though I have a phobia of them, and I also really like making puppets! But, I think I'm going to make an owl!

Older Kids Club Site Certification

Older kids have shown a lot of interest this year in helping out around the site. So, we set up an older kids site certification! Kids began learning how to apply sunscreen to each other, and gained some empathy for why the staff sometimes give so much. Our "sunscreen" was just baby lotion, which made it quite slippery and caused some spills, but that conveniently led us into some cleaning lessons! Many of the kids learned they're mopping pros, like **Averi (9)**. Others discovered that they're more interested in writing activities, and learned a lot about the different skills they learn from them! **Mace (11)** was particularly excited to write an activity where he could teach the others safe knife skills. Throughout this activity, we all took turns learning about documentation and showing the do's and don'ts- the kids got good at taking pictures of the others while they were working, but of course had a lot of fun posing anyway. And of course, taking some photos of **Ray**, since he's usually the photo taker. Finally, we began our conflict resolution section, where we acted out a scenario for some of our kids to solve. **Josh (9)** and **Abrianna (9)** were such good actors that **Beliz** thought they were really fighting! We still have to work on our conflict management, but overall, we all agreed we had a lot of success. And soft skin from the baby lotion!



Model Magic Creations

Kids enjoyed making creations with the model magic they were given. They all made something different than one another. Some of the older kids created multiple structures! The goal of this activity was to open up the kids' imagination and creativity side.



Interview with Abrianna (9), 4th Grade

What trip would you most like to take and why? Hawaii! I want to go to Hawaii because I like the ocean, fish and the beaches. I would love to see a waterfall on a hike. It's been a year since the last time I was at the ocean! The last time I was at the beach was in California for Disneyland, which was fun because me and my family got Harry Potter Wands!

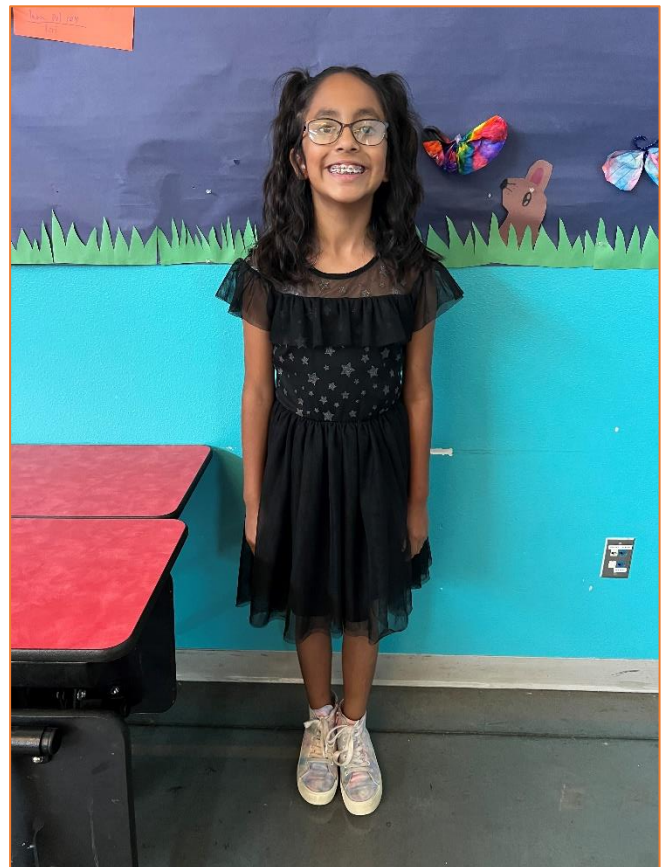
How is the world different from when your parents were little? It's different because there wasn't that much technology! My mom would go outside with her siblings to play and make mud-pies and I don't do that. We just watch TV nowadays. I love my Nintendo Switch to play Animal Crossing on!

What do you like most about school? I like my teacher Ms. Palmer! She is so nice and funny. I like that on Fridays we get to go to Ms. Cooks class and do Digital Learning Lab. I also love the mornings when I get time to read. Right now, I'm reading Ground Zero to learn more about 9/11, but my favorite books are the Wild Robot and The Land of Stories. I can't wait to see the new Wild Robot movie!

What words best describe you? So, I am funny! I love to make jokes and make people laugh. I'm kind, I like to help other people. I am smart, I'm a good reader! Last year in 3rd grade I was in 5th grade level reading and I'm proud of that.

Truth or Dare? Dare for sure! I think dares are funnier and can be more fun than truths. The funniest dare is me and my friend Daniella were dared to go introduce ourselves like "hi my names Daniella/Abrianna" to our teacher we already know! It was so funny. It was also easier to do it together.

Thanks, Abrianna!



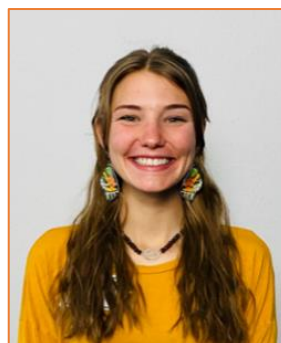
OUR FALL SEMESTER STAFF 2024/2025 SCHOOL YEAR



Beliz Burnaz
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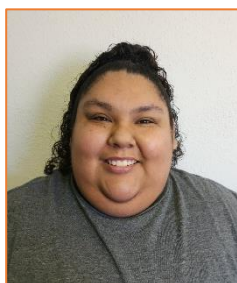
Jade Gallegos



Charles Herrera



Tannyn
Tolino-Anderson



Thelma
De La Cruz



Maria Madrid



Cyrus Young



Kaela
Schoenholzer



Taryn Haynes



Alec
Velasquez

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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