



GEORGIA O'KEEFE NEWSLETTER

DEC 9TH - 20TH, 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.

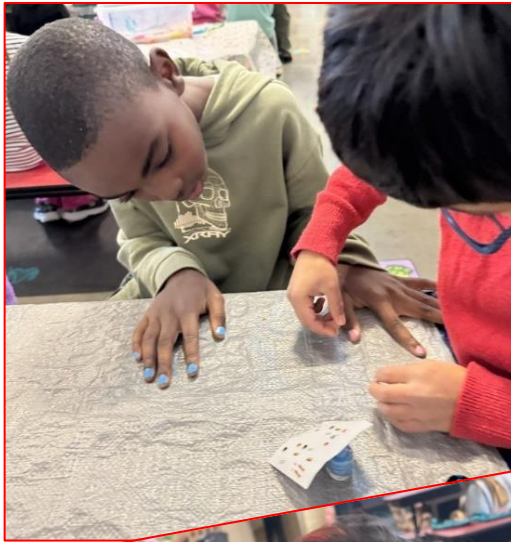
When a child does not show up when they are expected, we want to ensure that the child is safe and accounted for. Please help us keep all of our children safe!

Thank you!

MONDAY 12/09	TUESDAY 12/10	WEDNESDAY 12/11	THURSDAY 12/12	FRIDAY 12/13
Older Kids Circle Meeting  w/Ray D'N'D Club w/Colton B, Weston B, Will R. & Tannyn Tunnel Bracelets w/Kaela Snowball Tag w/Ashleigh	Sewing Club w/Marisol  Holiday Heads Up w/Maria Pouch Crafting w/Charles	Older Kids Club Solar Oven Day I w/Zach M. & Ray Character Walk w/Kori Origami Critters w/Dani, Lyra & Thelma 	 Pokémon Club Rock, Paper, Scissors, Chase w/Jade Rubber Band Rockets w/Tammy Ninja Kickball w/Dulce	Flip & Unscramble w/Taryn "Yakan Top" Turkish Dodgeball Game w/Beliz  Building Adobes w/Audrey
MONDAY 12/16	TUESDAY 12/17	WEDNESDAY 12/18	THURSDAY 12/19	FRIDAY 12/20
Hot Cocoa and Melting Marshmallows Experiment  w/Jade Snowman Snow Globe w/Audrey Field Trip To Dinosaur Museum 3:00-5:30 	Pinecone Ornaments w/Maria Sewing Club w/Marisol Pie Making w/ Averi, Aniya, Lanna, Silas, Maverick & Tannyn 	 Comedy Club w/Charles Older Kids Club Solar Oven Day II w/Zach M. & Ray Christmas Light Ornament w/Mya 	 Pokémon Club Just Three Lines w/Kori Angry Birds w/Thelma  Probability Relay w/Tammy	Creating Christmas Present List & a Tree Ornament w/Alec Salt Dough Snowman w/Ashleigh Decorating Holiday Cookies w/Dulce 

Nail Shop w/Jaymes (5)

Welcome to Jaymes' Nail Shop! After counting down the days until our grand opening, it had arrived and we were excited! The kids got the chance to express themselves with nail polish and nail stickers that were provided. Some kids needed help with painting their nails. That's when Jaymes jumped in and was very excited to help others out. Some kids were very creative and, **"added the sparkle nail polish on top of my nails that were already painted,"** said Hazel W. (7). Some of the kids need help deciding on what looks best **"What do you think would look best with my rainbows? Flowers or Unicorns?"** said Olivia (7). The students were also very independent when asked if they needed help painting their other non-dominant hand but a bunch of them said no and figured out how to use it the opposite way. Some ways we found out that helped the nail polish dry faster was waving our hands back and forth very fast **"I'm going to fly away!!"** said Wren (5). After they were dry students had the choice of adding stickers on top of the nail polish, **"I hold down my stickers for 10 seconds so it can stay on longer,"** said Lanna (7). Overall, we think Jaymes is going to have to open a second location after our first Nail Shop opening was such a success!



Traditional CC Turkey Trot 24-25

Looking for a fun and fit way to send the kids home for Thanksgiving break every year? A Turkey Trot is it! This is a fun event that can be done by any age level and simply. Depending on the grade level you are playing, you can decide the distance kids will run. You will also need to decide if you want this event to be a true race or more of a fun, non competitive activity. If you want this to be a fun event, consider having an adult dress up as a turkey and have them trot along with the kids. Nothing gets kids more excited than seeing a staff trotting along with them as they participate in the fun! Here is the Traditional CC Turkey Trot and Winners this year!



WINNERS 24-25

Older Kids Club - Kindness Project Decorating Holiday Bags

Older kids spent these last two weeks preparing for the season of giving. One of our two gift related activities was our annual gift bags! We counted and saw we had around 80 bags and only a couple of hours, so everyone quickly got to work. Many kids made traditional winter designs, including snowflakes, snow men, and fireplaces. Others made their bags based on holiday songs- like **Elodie (9)** and **Abrianna (10)**. "You know the song all I want for Christmas is my two front teeth. I think I'm going to make a kid pointing to their two front teeth" -**Elodie** While we agreed, for the most part, that we wanted to do general holiday designs and steer away from any specific holidays, some of the kids decided they wanted to make designs for as many holidays as possible. Together, we learned how many candles go on a menorah (usually 9, but 7 in the temple!) and drew lots of menorah and candle designs on the bags. Some kids also drew candle holders (called "kinara's) with 7 candles for Kwanzaa! By the end of the day, we were able to decorate all 80 bags. The kids are excited for the bags to be filled with goodies and given to less fortunate families, and are thrilled to work towards bigger community service projects. Happy holidays!

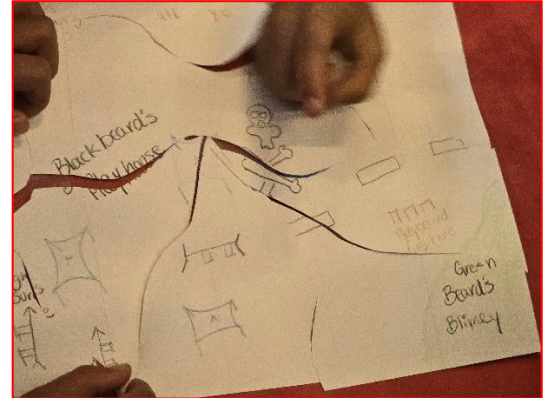
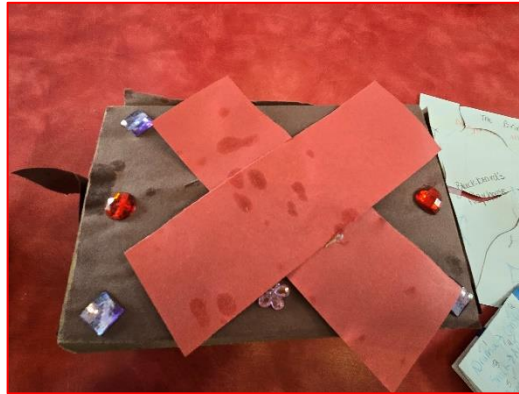


Happy  Holidays!



Treasure Hunt

On Friday Captain Ashleigh Redbeard landed at GOK looking for some help from the kiddos. Her treasure had been lost at sea but the kids found some clues that could lead to a map. Scouring the cafeteria, we found clue after clue which came together as a treasure map. Following the landmarks on the map, the kids quickly found the X that marked the spot and discovered a treasure chest. After a quick discussion, we decided to split a small portion of the treasure but leave the majority for another adventure on a future day!



Interview with Colten P. (7), 2nd Grade

-Who am I here with today? Colten P- What grade are you in? Second grade. And how old are you? I'm seven years old.

-Alright, if you had to eat the same thing for the rest of your life, what would it be? Steak. Woah! That's fancy. Yup, I eat it with chop sticks and sauce. I'm really good at using chopsticks. --

-If you could live in anything, what would it be? A mansion that has 35 rooms. That is a lot of rooms, who would live with you? My friends and my mom and my dad and my sister and maybe my future girlfriend.

- What is your favorite thing in the world to do? Play sports.

What sports? Basketball and football, my mom is signing me up to play basketball. Probably I'll start on Christmas.

- What is your favorite toy and why? Legos, because I can build cars and I have a Bugatti. That one is probably my favorite one I have built ever. It actually took me more than 2 weeks to build it.

- What do you think is cool about being a grown up? You can do stuff. Like what? Like you can go to coffee shops and drive anywhere.

- If you were stuck on a desert island, what is the one thing you would take? Water. You actually need that to live. And maybe food too.

- What makes you feel sad sometimes? When I lose something. I don't like losing stuff and then having to look for it.

- If you could change the world, what would you do? I would change it to the future! Wow! What would be different? There would be flying cars, like flying Cyber Trucks. Amazing!

Well, thank you for your time Colten!



OUR FALL SEMESTER STAFF 2024/2025 SCHOOL YEAR



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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!

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