



GEORGIA O'KEEFE NEWSLETTER MAR 24th - APR 4th, 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
 5:15-6:00 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 03/24	TUESDAY 03/25	WEDNESDAY 03/26	THURSDAY 03/27	FRIDAY 03/28
<p>Older Kids Circle Meeting w/Ray</p>  <p>Hula Hoop Games w/Sam</p> <p>Butterfly Bonanza Day I w/Kori</p> 	<p>The End of the Rainbow w/Ashleigh</p> <p>Paper Rockets w/Thelma</p>  <p>Dodgeball Tournament SMD vs GOK @ GOK 4:30-5:30 PM</p>	<p>Older Kids Club Solar Sound w/Carrie Tingley Hospital w/ Ray</p> <p>Caterpillar Race w/Charles</p> <p>Football Club w/Matt & Jade</p> 	<p> Pokémon Club w/Titus & Zach</p> <p>Engineering a Straw Roller Coaster w/Dulce</p> <p>Cat Treasure Hunt w/Hudson, Hailey U. & Jade</p>	<p>Nail Time w/Rhianna</p>  <p>Yoga Musical Mats w/Tammy</p>
MONDAY 03/31	TUESDAY 04/01	WEDNESDAY 04/02	THURSDAY 04/03	FRIDAY 04/04
<p>Older Kids Circle Meeting w/Ray</p>  <p>Batman Plushie w/Justin & Audrey</p>  <p>Butterfly Bonanza Day II w/Kori</p>	<p>Cup Stacking Competition w/Ashleigh</p> <p>Birdseed Ornaments w/Tammy</p>  <p>Blizzard w/Jade</p>	<p> Comedy Club w/Charles</p> <p>Older Kids Club- I Spy a Game Designer Club /Day III Word Searches, Poems and Planning w/ Ray</p> <p>Football Club w/Matt & Thelma</p> 	<p> Pokémon Club w/Titus & Zach</p> <p>Engineering a Straw Roller Coaster w/Dulce & Thelma</p> <p>Building and Flying a Kite w/Audrey</p>	<p>Friendship Bracelet Making w/Sam</p> <p>Traditional Turkish Festive Istanbul Café w/Beliz</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Istanbul</p>

Face Painting

We were excited to express ourselves through the art of face paint! **Olivia (7)** lead us in this activity and recruited a couple of other kids to help us navigate the big line that was about to form! **Juliette (11)**, **Anna (11)** and **Calli (10)** helped us accomplish our goal of having everyone face painted! **"I already know what I want to be!! A Minecraft creeper!"** said **Silas (6)**. **"I want to be a Dalmatian dog with one of my eyes with a black spot"** said **Lanna (7)**. The children were all so nice to our face painters. **"Can I look in the mirror? It looks GREAT!!"** said **Ella (5)**. Although the kids loved how it their face art was coming out, some of our artists weren't so confident in their face painting skills. **"I feel like I'm making a big mistake"** said **Calli**. **"No, you're not! I LOVE IT!!"** said **Silas**. We love having a supportive customer!! Overall, I would say our face painting day was a success and all the other children enjoyed it very much.





Edible Slime

Aria (7), Tylette (8) and Ariana (7), decided it would be fun to do a food activity. The girls agreed they would want to make something fun, something we could play with. Naturally, with the Children's Choice obsession with slime, we thought edible slime would be a great idea. So, we gathered our supplies: gummy bears (1 bag) powdered sugar (2 tablespoons) and cornstarch (2 tablespoons), once we melted the gummy bears in the microwave, we got to mixing! Our slime started to come together and **Abrianna (10)** proclaimed "**Wow that smells great!**". As we continued to mix, the slime texture really started to come together but **Tylette** said "**Eww, I don't like the color.**" Despite the unappealing lite brown color, we decided to give it a taste test. **Aria** proclaimed that "**This taste really good!**" Edible Slime makers beware: we definitely needed more than 2 tablespoons of cornstarch, or as **Mae (10)** said repeatedly "**More Corn Starch, it's too sticky!**" This was great, messy, fun and really tasty!



Fridge Magnets

This activity was called Making Fridge Magnets! Kids of all ages came to make cute, silly, and funny magnets. We used air dry clay in an array of colors to let their imaginations go wild. After they made their magnet, they had the opportunity to take a Polaroid photo of their choice of either by themselves, with friends or staff! Selfies were taken, poses were struck and laughter was all around. Their magnets and photo were wrapped in a satin draw string bag to complete their creations and take pride in the art they made. This activity was special not only to show their creative side, but also teach them a new way to make a homemade gift or fun activity to make art and display it.

“Let’s do a sassy pose, an awkward pose and a slay pose.” Group conversation about their photos from **Averi (10)**, **Josh (9)** **Elysia (10)**

“My fridge isn’t magnetic. I’ll put it in my room!” -**Landon (9)**

“Look at how cute MY CINNAMON ROLL MAGNET IS!” -**Aniya C. (8)** (while jumping up and down)



Older Kids Club- Reverse Charades

Older Kids Reverse Charades started off as a competitive game. We split up into teams, started a timer and did our best to help our teammates guess as many prompts as possible. Our team leaders played *Rock, Paper, Scissors* to determine the first team, and off they went! They quickly discovered a couple of things. First, it's really hard not to speak or make sounds while acting. Second, long prompts feel impossible! **Meleena (10)** and **Elodie (10)** were pros at trying all kinds of different things to help **Abrianna (10)** guess their prompt- "killer whale". When jumping around like a whale didn't work, **Meleena** became a penguin, and once **Abrianna** guessed the penguin part, **Meleena** acted like she was eating! This first prompt was incredibly difficult, and while **Abrianna** didn't end up guessing it, she did get "leopard seal"- pretty close we think!

As the game progressed and kids went home, the kids decided they'd rather be one big team rather than two small ones. So, for the rest of the time, we worked all together to act, which caused more chaos but made some ideas easier to execute. Something we noticed was that when an idea wasn't being communicated in a way the actors liked, they'd often give up on acting and start mouthing the words, or writing them out in the berm. We ended up making a rule against this to make it more challenging, and even so, through various guessers we successfully got every prompt by the end. Our record ended up being 11 prompts in two minutes with all the skills we learned! The kids have already requested that we do this activity again, so we may soon see reverse charades with a twist in older kids club. "I kind of want to do favoritism, but..." -**Sienna L. (10)**, picking a teammate from the opposite team to steal. "What even is that?!" - every single kid at some point.





Interview with Charles D. (9), 3rd Grade

This week we sat down with Charles D. to hear about his thoughts from favorite hobbies to future dreams, here's what he had to say!

Hi Charles, how are you feeling today? I feel good! I do affirmations every day to help me. I'm also a little sad because my parents set up new rules for me to do my chores first and then I get to play. I know it's important though.

What is your favorite toy and why?

My brotherahaha! No, I'm kidding, kind of. I do love Brownie, my stuffed animal. It's a Spinosaurus. Guess what? The color of him is the color of a brownie. I got him at the Natural History Museum with Titus and my brother. I saved up enough money that Titus and me were able to both get stuffies. His is a stick named Mustard. That was a fun day and why it's my favorite.

What do you love most about your best friend? My best friend is Titus. I love that we have the same interests. Like Pokémon cards, stuffies, and playing outside. We have fun when we're together.

What would you take with you to a desert island? A bunch of water, food, and toys to play with! I would definitely bring Pokémon cards and all my stuffies. I would also bring Titus so we can be there together and hang out. He's my best friend!

If you're spending time outside, where would you like to be? A playground. GOK's playground is my favorite! I wouldn't say my backyard because we've been trying to grow grass but every time, we do it we forget to water it, so it never grows. I also like the playground next to the movie theater. Titus and I went there and then we saw the movie Dog Man!

If you could change the world, what would you do? Take all the bad people's money in the world and give it to people who need it. I don't want them to have more control. But ALSO, to make it illegal to steal more than one candy from each Halloween basket that asks you to only take one! No more trolls in the world!

Are you more like your mom or dad? And why? Probably more like my dad! I like robots and he's an Engineer! We both like to play video games. We play Minecraft together and it's fun.

Thanks for your time, Charles! It was great to talk to you!



Charlie and his best friends Titus & Zach

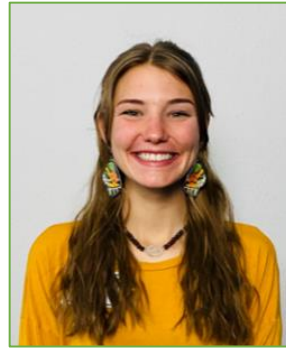
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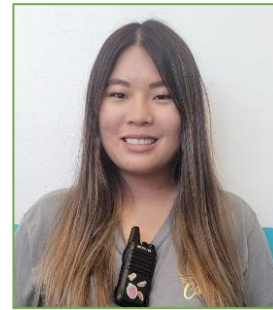
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REMINDERS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 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!

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