

September Newsletter



Welcome SEPTEMBER!

It's back to school month at CKC! We are excited to jump into a new school year and are looking forward to lots of fun with the kids. It's that time of year where summer is winding down and fall is creeping up on us. This is also a great time to build your child's excitement for the new season.

Important Dates to Remember

Monday September 6th Opal Cliffs Preschool is closed in observance of Labor Day.

Santa Cruz Garden's Preschool is set to reopen on Monday September 13th. Please notify us if you would like to transfer to that site.



Welcoming New Friends and Saying Goodbye to our Staff

We would like to welcome our new students and families in the JR Preschool and Preschool Room. We are glad that we can share our adventures and our learning experience with you. We will miss Teacher Chelsea and Ms. Mercedes our Cook who are heading to Santa Cruz Gardens Preschool. We wish them the best and they will surely be missed by all of us here at Opal!



Junior Preschool Room

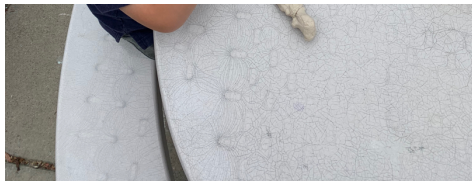
Junior Preschool Room

"Teacher Karina, Teacher Chelsea & our New staff member Teacher McKayla"

As the month winds down, the children as a whole class have been exploring together and have been focusing on social emotional relationships. The classroom also has been visiting the garden area almost on a daily basis. With this we would like to remind you to send extra clothing due to the all the fun areas in the garden which include mixtures of soil and water which they are considered as "Potions" and "Soups" created by the children. This past month's theme was dinosaurs which was an amazing experience for all of the children.

The Jr Preschool Room will be diving into a Fairytale Theme this month - we are all excited!





Karina's Group "Sea Turtles"

This month has been busy and very exciting for the entire class with the theme of "Dinosaur's." The Sea Turtle's have been exploring and learning the different types of dinosaurs, including their sizes and eating habits.

The children have enjoyed counting in Spanish and English during circle time. Now with Teacher McKayla the groups have been smaller which is perfect for more individual activities. The clay fossils activity that was definitely a hit.



Teacher Chelsea "Jelly Fish Group"

In Chelsea's group the children have been exploring the fun activities that include dinosaurs. These activities include making Dino nest, making fossils and painting dinosaurs. Our group has been engaged in big movement games and spending time in the garden. In this group we have 4 new Jellyfish Amelia, Evan ,Leo and Graeme.





Teacher McKayla "Shark Group"

Welcome Teacher McKayla!

McKayla has been getting to know the children and building connections with them as a group. It has been a great transition to have a third teacher in the Jr Preschool room. The children have been learning about themselves and their peers. Activities this past 2 weeks include art and sorting activities.

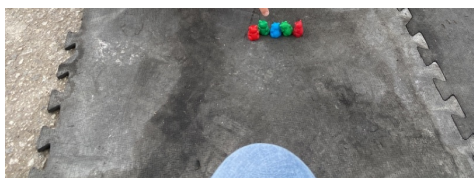


Preschool Room

Teacher Melissa, Teacher Charlene, Teacher Regina

The children will be wrapping up their "Forest" unit and will start September with "Jungle Theme."





Teacher Melissa

This month they have been engaged with the counting bears or "Gummy Bears" as the children call them. They have been classifying, counting, subtracting and sharing with each other. In the garden some children are engaged with making "Fairy Dust" on the tree stumps located in the garden area. As they explore the stumps some children are counting the rings on the stumps. These explorations have really developed the children to be descriptive and the teachers have introduced other descriptive words such as bumpy, smooth, shiny, prickly, and soft. We are working on measurement and size. Our objective is to support and assist the children classify and sort in different ways. This will allow them to organize and arrange by classification.



Teacher Charlene

Charlene's group has been diving into the "Sequoia Trees". The children have found an interest of habitats and environments. We are lucky to be surrounded by our own beautiful Coastal Redwood trees in our area. This has also led to the question of "whose lives in Sequoia Trees?" They gradually went from birds to squirrels to raccoons and next week will be wrapping up with THE BANANA SLUG! The children are excited when it comes to hands on activities. These activities, including finger painting, will be messy but a great learning experience for the children. They are definitely looking forward to making slime as a representation for the Banana Slug.

Lots of fun to come!





Teacher Regina

In our group the children have been learning about environments in North America. The children have been introduced to animals and plant life. They have been exploring different topics regarding plants and trees. The children engaged in a beautiful art project with q-tip painting and leaves. Children had great discussions about texture, color, and sizes. Children also discovered where chocolate comes from. In September our group will start exploring reptiles as we head into "Jungle Theme" which perfectly blends with last month's theme.