



We Are Back!

Loomis Community
Preschool



September 2013

“Play is the highest form of research.”
—Albert Einstein



Upcoming School Events

September in the classroom: Machado's Orchard field trip, apple activities, and something called "bungee painting"!

- **September 17th:** Board meeting 6 pm (all are welcome)

October in the classroom: building with cardboard, pumpkin patch trips and the Trike a thon

- **October 8th:** General Meeting 6:30 pm (mandatory...remember to find a babysitter, no children at the General Meetings)
- **October 9th and 10th:** Clowning Around Trike-A-Thon
- **October 15th:** Board Meeting 6 pm
- **October 26th:** Maintenance Day (If you haven't signed up for a maintenance day, talk to your child's teacher.)
- **October 26th:** School Carnival 1-4 pm at Loomis Train Depot

First Week Back

It feels so good to be back in school. As the looming start-date got closer and closer, Cormick seemed very unsure of whether or not he wanted to be in preschool. He often sat on the colorful carpet during circle time last year, watching his older brother, wishing that he too could go to the science station, play in the block room, and have his own cubby. But as we talked about preschool this summer, he seemed nervous. At breakfast time on the first day of school, he stood up and said, "See how big I am?" as he pulled his shoulders up high and stuck out his chest. He is a preschooler now. And there is no better place to be a preschooler than Loomis Community Preschool. Because at LCP the children can feel big and old and empowered while at the same time they can be young and silly and scared.

It is wonderful to be a part of a community that I trust so much. I love the school's philosophies on learning and discipline. I admire each teacher's enthusiasm for young children. I am challenged by all of the amazing parents that choose to be a part of LCP. There are so many preschools out there. We could have made many choices. But we all chose LCP. This unites us. We all value imagination, creativity, inquisitiveness, family involvement, and getting dirty. I am thankful for all of you and I am so excited to get to know you and your children better.

So whether your child is feeling big or little, excited or scared, LCP is a safe and wonderful place to be. Welcome back.

-Morgan Zerwas

LCP President



Did you know?

- Teacher Sherry had a pet skunk when she was little (she would put it on a leash!)
- Teacher Stacy loves pickles. She makes her own every summer.
- One year, Teacher Rachel dressed up as Mario from Super Mario Brothers, big mustache and all.

First Annual Loomis Community Preschool Halloween Carnival

Our school is built on many wonderful traditions. Many families have been here for years. Maybe some of you were once preschoolers at LCP yourself. The Holiday Store has been around for a really long time (as long as Sherry can remember). The May Tea has been around for 5 years. This year we hope to start a new tradition- the Loomis Community Preschool Halloween Carnival. We are so excited to bring this event to the Loomis community.

In many ways this will be a familiar school carnival- games, food, kids dressed up in extravagant costumes. But we are adding a component to the carnival that will be a true LCP twist: a carnival section created by the kids themselves.

Inspired by a short documentary posted on YouTube, "Caine's Arcade," we decided to challenge the kids to make their own booths (all out of cardboard and other recycled materials). With the teachers' help, our kids will spend some time in class imagining, cutting, taping, poking, and drawing in order to make their own booths for this first annual carnival.

Although it is not a requirement to volunteer at the carnival, we would love everyone's help. We especially would like families to create and run a booth. See the teachers or anyone on the board for more details.

Check it out on YouTube: Caine's Arcade (there have been many mini documentaries about Caine made, but start by watching the first "Caine's Arcade").

Be there: October 26th from 1-4pm at the Loomis Train Depot.

Community Calendar

- **Every Thursday** at 10:30: story time at the Loomis Library
- **September 14:** Placer Nature Center hosts Colfax astronomer Don Machholz as he tells tales of galaxies and explores the night sky with his telescope (Pre-registration required). \$7 from 6:30-8:30pm.
- **September 17:** Crocker Art Museum's Baby Loves Art. For 19-36 month olds. (\$10-15 for one adult and a child).
- **September 28:** Farm to Fork Festival at Capitol Mall. Farmers and producers of all types will be there with produce to sell and share and information to educate.
- **September 28-29:** Alpaca Ranch Tour from 10-4 (4300 Hansen Road, Loomis). Call 916-660-1918 for more information