



CANDY RING CRAFT

Difficulty: **Very Easy**
Age: 4 and up

These candy rings are quite wearable! They make a sweet little gift for friends and classmates and they are simple to make. Once they are done wearing them, they can snack on the delicious wrapped candy.

What you'll need:

- 1 chenille stem per ring (pink, purple, light blue, white, or red)
- White craft glue
- Wrapped candies

How to make it:

1. Wrap the entire chenille around the child's finger, and then slide it off.
2. Take the end of the chenille and wrap it around the circle to secure the ring.
3. Place a wrapped candy on the table and add some white craft glue.
4. Place the ring in top of the glue and let dry.

Tips:

1. Do not use unwrapped candies for this project. Not only would it prove to be messy and sticky, you don't want children ingesting even small amounts of craft glue.
2. Chenille stems have pointy ends, just be careful with smaller children.
3. Foil wrapped chocolate hearts are an ideal candy for this project!

Mayola's Corner

Hi All:

February is here and you can feel the love in the air. Waking up to the crisp cold morning and thinking of all the exciting things we have planned for this month makes me love my job even more. The month begins by discussing with the children who Mr. Groundhog is and find out whether or not he will see his shadow. I am hopeful that everyone is looking forward to warmer weather. I know I am!

Congratulations to all our little ones who have graduated to the next stages of development! As hard as it is to see our babies grow up to become little people and less dependant on a caregiver's assistance, it is equally hard to say good-bye. If your child moved to the next stage, it is

extremely important to go and visit the class, to sit and observe, and get to know the new teachers on a personal level. These steps will eliminate your fears and allow your baby to grow and become more independent.

I would like to welcome all of our new families to our program and extend a special invitation to each family to attend our next parent meeting this month.

If anyone has suggestions and/or things to discuss, please see me or e-mail our P4C President, Tricia McRenyolds at:

p4cpresident@gmail.com.

Please stop by the office to submit your email address to be notified about happenings with the Center.

Our last parent meeting was

Q: What did the baker say to his sweetheart?

A: I'm dough-nuts about you.



Stage I

Hello and welcome to Stage I Infant Program where babies are babies, crawlers are crawling, and walkers are walking over to Stage II.

We would like to thank all the families for their wonderful wishes and gifts we received this past holiday. We welcome new families with open hearts and hands: Austin, Skylar, Lucy, Derek, Charlie, Eli and Darius. We would also like to give a high five to all our transitioners: way to go Elysian, Chiara, Luke, and Journey.

Parent reminder: Please label all your child's personal belongings.

Thank you!!!!

Alex, Shay, Janet, and Melanie
PS-A wonderful Happy Birthday to teacher Kris (2/9). We look forward to having you back with us.

Stage II

Wow!!! January is gone and the love and friendship month is here: "February." We would like to say goodbye to our friends Sharohn, Riley, London, Jonah and Kevin as they move to Stage III. We will miss them. We would like to welcome Elysian, Chiara, Journey, Luke, Kylie, and Joshua as they move to Stage II. We are very happy to have our new friends in our class.

February 14th is Valentine's Day. Parents are welcome to bring in Valentine's Day Cards to exchange with our friends. We would like to remind parents that the school is closed for President's Day, Monday, February 21st. Thank you for all your support and please remember to label your child's belongings.

Thank you,
Ms. Rosy, Ms. Jessica, & Ms. Nancy

Stage III

Stage III welcomes our new friends Jonah, Kenneth, Kevin, London, Riley and Sharohn to our room. Congratulations go to Sanjna, Nathan, and Nicholas who graduated to the Transition Room.

During the month of February, our theme will revolve around building self-esteem and self-help skills, such as eating with a spoon, washing hands, painting, and spreading glue. Our little ones will explore different textures, learning letters J & K, the numbers 1-5, the color pink, and our shape will be hearts. Goals for the month are to learn to take off and put on our jackets, drink from an open cup, throw a ball, and put pegs in a peg board.

We have sent home a poster for the family to work on together and bring back to school. Your child's poster will be displayed in the room for their enjoyment and discovery.

Teacher Lynnette will be on vacation for two weeks, January 24- February 6.

See you soon!
Teachers Lynnette & Claudia

Transition I & II

We are growing in numbers, so we have separated our children into two groups. The younger children are going to be in Transition I with Ms. Chestina and the older children will be in Transition II with me (Mary). We welcome Nathan, Nicholas, Sanjna, Andrea, and Parker to Transition I. Also, we welcome Nathan Renteria to Transition II.

Even though the children are in different rooms, Chestina and I will work with each other to create a safe and enjoyable learning envi-

ronment. I thank all my wonderful parents for keeping your trust, faith, and hope on us to make this program successful. Also, I wish all our parents a Happy Valentine's Day.

Thank you!
Ms. Mary

I transferred from Stage II to Transition I and will be assisting Teacher Mary. I am looking forward to meeting the parents and working with your children. I hope it will be a very rewarding experience.

Thank you!
Ms. Chestina

Room 5

I would like to thank all the parents for welcoming me into my new role as the teacher in Room 5. I look forward to working with all of you.

February will be a fun month. As you know, our themes and focus change regularly. Some of the topics we will be exploring will revolve around Valentine's Day.

I hope that everyone has a Happy Valentine's Day!

Ms. Jennifer

♥♥ from Room 3

Aaliyah, Ethan, Ella, Jacob, Sofia, Lukas, Jaelen, Myoko, DeAndre, and Jai Li

The New Year is off to a wonderful and cool start with sunny days in between. The big question is "Will the Groundhog see his shadow?" The class is excited about February. We're looking forward to our Friendship Celebration and a day to visit a kindergarten class. For the month of February, we will focus on our family and friends.

Family is love, Friends are love

Love is...

Mommy and Daddy,

Smiling,

I try to be nice to my sister,

Drawing pictures,

Giving to other people

We all agree, love is hugs and kisses

Hot Lunch Sign Ups

Name _____

February 1-4

- January 31
- February 1: Angel Hair Pasta, Chicken Nuggets, Garden Salad
- February 2: Pigs-in-Blanket, Veggie Soup, Pineapple Chunks
- February 3: Salisbury Patties, Oven Roaster Potatoes, Cheesy Broccoli
- February 4: Beef Lo Mein, Green Beans, Chinese Cookies

February 7-11

- February 7: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Garlic Rolls
- February 8: Chili with Beans, Buttered Cornbread, Fresh Veggies with Ranch Dressing
- February 9: Drummettes, Penne Pasta with Sauce, Steamed Broccoli
- February 10: Baked Beans, Corn Dogs, Apple/Raisin/Carrot Salad
- February 11: Beef Tacos with Cheese,

February 14-18

- February 14: Pizza, Corn on the Cob, and Orange Wedges
- February 15: Orange Chicken, Chow Mein, Steamed Broccoli
- February 16: Mac & Cheese, Fish Sticks, Mixed Veggies
- February 17: Beanie & Weenies, Caesar Salad, Jello
- February 18: Cheese Burgers, French Fries, Chocolate Pudding

February 21-25

- February 21: Center Closed for President's Day
- February 22: Pot Roast with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Whole Kernel Corn
- February 23: Sausage with Wild Rice Pilaf, Cucumber and Tomato Salad
- February 24: Cheese Ravioli, Glazed Carrots, Sliced Pineapples
- February 25: Chicken Enchiladas, Spanish Rice

February 28-March 4

- February 28: Fried Chicken Wings, Candied Yams, Collard Greens, Cornbread
- March 1: Spaghetti Os, Corn, Apple Wedges
- March 2: Chicken Nuggets, Oven Fries, Grapes
- March 3: Tacos, Refried Beans, Apple/Carrot Salad
- March 4: Fish Sticks, Mac & Cheese, Carrots with Ranch

Referral Offer

Don't Forget, your referrals count!
If a family (that you refer) enrolls in the Center for Children and stays with the program for 3 months, we will give you a **\$250.00 credit towards your next month's tuition!!!**

Valentine's Day Fundraiser February 12-13

Teacups Tea Lounge

6220 West 87th Street
Westchester, CA 90045
310-216-5897

www.teacupsteahouse.com

10% of eligible sales will be donated to La Tijera Center for Children!!!

Purchase Presale Tickets (through February 9).
Tickets are good for a beverage, croissant sandwich, & pasta salad for \$15

Bring flyer or La Tijera Business Card on February 12-13 to have your purchase support
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Schedule of Events

February 2011

- } **February 1**—Black History Month Begins
- } **February 2**—Will the Groundhog see his shadow?
- } **February 5**—2011 Leadership Training Workshop at Santa Monica FUMC 8:15 am-2 pm.
- } **February 6**—Communion at our 9:30 am worship service
- } **February 6**—The Gathering at 6:30 pm (see the article below)
- } **February 12-13**—Fundraiser at Teacups Tea Lounge (see article to lower left)
- } **February 13**—C4C meeting
- } **February 14**—Happy Valentine’s Day
- } **February 17**—P4C Meeting
- } **February 21**—Happy President’s Day The Center and Church Office Closed
- } **February 22**—Ad Council 6:30 pm unless our DS calls a meeting (TBD)
- } **February 26**—Rethink Witness and Evangelism Workshop at Glendale FUMC 8:15 am-3:30 pm
- } **February 28**—Black History Month Parade

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Black History Month Begins	2 Groundhog’s Day	3	4	5 District Training
6 Communion The Gathering	7	8	9	10	11	12 Fund-raiser at Teacups Tea Lounge
13 Fund-raiser Continued	14 Happy Valentine’s Day	15 Joint Board Meeting	16	17 P4C meeting	18	19
C4C						
20	21 Center Closed!!! President’s Day	22 Ad Council (unless DS calls one)	23	24	25	26 Rethink Workshop
27	28 Black History Month Parade					

Music & Spirit



... breathe!
Sometimes it seems like every minute of our day is filled to the brim with things to do, work to finish, children to feed, places we are late to, and responsibilities to fulfill. It is overwhelming how much we put into every minute . . . it’s hard to find a moment to catch our breath! Give yourself a Valentine this month by taking a moment each day to simply breathe. Focus your attention on your breath, the sensation of the breath as it enters and leaves your body. Be aware of how your body is filled with each breath and each release of air leaves room for peace and spirit to enter. No matter what is going on around you, remember to find your quiet center . . . and breathe!

-Lyda Eddington

The Gathering

On Sunday, February 6th at 6:30 p.m., renew yourself with prayers for ourselves, others and the world with music and silence that speaks to the heart at The Gathering – an Evening of Sacred Song & Prayer. Come and immerse yourself in the deep waters of prayer and music in our evening candlelight gathering the first Sunday of every month at 6:30 p.m. This month’s Gathering will feature guest musician Dr. Malcolm Cole who will share a musical meditation on the organ. Dr. Cole is Emeriti Faculty with UCLA. He appears frequently throughout Southern California as lecturer, pianist, organist, and conductor of annual musical retreats. Come and renew your spirit and enjoy Dr. Cole’s gifts.



Candlelit Altar at The Gathering in January

Lay Speaking Workshop

February 26th at Glendale First UMC there will be a workshop entitled “Rethink Witness and Evangelism.” Bishop Swenson will be the Keynote Speaker for the event. There will be three workshops that you can attend. 1) Evangelism Ain’t for Wimps; 2) Where Will Following Jesus Take You?; and 3) The Emergent Gap. The workshop costs \$35 and includes lunch. Registration is due February 12.

Lent and Easter are approaching! March 9th is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of our Lenten Season. We will have a service with the imposition of ashes for those who are interested. Look for information about book studies and worship opportunities in next month’s newsletter.

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Q: What did the galaxy say to the sun?
A: You're my biggest star.



Rachel's Ramblings

As many of you know, Warren and I just returned from our vacation to the Mexican Riviera. We had a fantastic time on our cruise stopping in Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, La Paz, and Cabo San Lucas. We had a chance to watch whales up close and personal, learned to make our own salsa, and went parasailing.

Warren and I love to try new things and like it when we are doing something for the first time together. This was the case for us with the parasailing. We were both newbies. Warren went first, possibly to show his manly side, but I think mostly to get his anxiety out of the way over his fear of heights. It was awesome to see him take off from the back of the boat and take flight. He soared over the cruise ships in the bay.

Once he safely landed back on the boat, it was my turn. I was so excited. Not knowing what to expect, I put my trust in a kind gentleman whose English was just a little better than my Spanish. He guided and directed me as to how to take off and land safely, hooked me into the harness and rig, and released me to the breezes. It was amazing. I felt like I was floating and at peace with the world. The views were spectacular and flight joy filled. Once I came in for a smooth landing, Warren and I talked about the experience.

We agreed that there could be a sermon in the excursion. We can equate this process to our faith. We know God is out there available to us, but we have to say yes to the encounter. We put our trust in those that

have been practicing and perfecting their craft longer than we have. We have the faith to allow the Spirit to lift us up and help us fly. When we are in God's embrace, the flight that might appear scary at first turns into a peaceful, yet exhilarating trip. Finally, God will return you safely to the ground, transformed by the experience and thankful for the opportunity to fly.

I hope that when you are given the opportunity to respond to God's call to try something new and take flight, you will respond yes and allow God to give you an experience that you could never do on your own.

Thank you for the time off for refreshment and renewal.

Pastor Rachel