

# LADDERS, LEARNING & LEADERSHIP: A BIG WEEK AT LA PLAYA!

## First Rain Day

On Tuesday, we experienced our first rain day of the season, and the kids absolutely made the most of it! Our indoor spaces came alive with creativity and calm:

- Light play created moments of wonder and exploration
- The quiet space was a peaceful haven, with kids using noise-canceling headphones to relax and reset
- Children built forts out of cardboard, imagining new worlds from simple materials
- And of course, plenty of movement games kept the energy up and the giggles flowing

It was a beautiful reminder of how children thrive in a thoughtfully prepared environment — even when the weather changes our plans.



## Firefighter Visit

We kicked off the week with an unforgettable visit from the Culver City Fire Department, who brought their ladder (tool) truck to share with our preschoolers and community members.

Children got to explore the truck, ask questions, and even try on firefighter gear. The crew gave a fun and age-appropriate fire safety presentation, and the pure excitement on our kids' faces said it all. Huge thanks to our local heroes for making the morning so special!



## Member Meeting Updates

At our October Members Meeting, our incredible Director, Teri Avila, led a powerful presentation on Learning Through Play, the core of La Playa's educational philosophy.

Teri shared how foundational academic skills — like math, science, and early literacy — are embedded in the joyful, hands-on play experiences our students engage in every day. She highlighted examples from our October curriculum, helping parents see how deeply children are learning through exploration and curiosity.

We're also thrilled to announce that Fahad was officially voted onto our Board of Directors as the new Marketing Chair!

He's already jumped into action with ideas to elevate our social media, community outreach, and overall visibility. We're so excited to have his voice and vision on the team, and we look forward to seeing La Playa's story shared more widely with the community.