

On Tuesday, our young explorers went on a spider hunt around the yard and garden! With magnifying glasses and clipboards in hand, the children eagerly searched for spiders and counted their discoveries — practicing one-to-one correspondence, an essential early math concept that helps children understand quantity and number sense. At La Playa, experiences like this are rooted in our play-based philosophy — the belief that children learn best through hands-on exploration, imagination, and movement. What might look like simple outdoor fun is actually rich learning in action:

Math: Counting spiders and comparing numbers

Science: Observing habitats and noticing patterns in nature

Language: Sharing discoveries and describing what they see

Social-Emotional Development: Collaborating, taking turns,

and expressing curiosity

Our spider hunt turned the natural world into a living classroom — filled with laughter, wonder, and meaningful learning through play.

FREE PARENT & ME MUSIC CLASS — THIS FRIDAY!

We're so excited to kick off our fall Parent & Me Music Class this Friday from 9:00-9:30 a.m., led by our very own Teacher Lauren — a beloved member of the La Playa teaching team and founder of Peekaboo Music.

Teacher Lauren is a talented early childhood music educator with extensive training in the Kindermusik® program. She brings her expertise, creativity, and joyful energy into every class — helping children explore rhythm, movement, and imagination in ways that build confidence, connection, and a lifelong love of music.

This free community class is open to all — come sing, dance, and share in the music-making fun with your little one!

FUNDRAISING SEASON HAS BEGUN!

Our fall fundraising efforts are in full swing — thank you for helping support our cooperative community!

- Minted: Use code FUNDRAISELAPLAYA at checkout 20% off your order, and Minted donates 10% back to our school.
- \$\sqrt{\subseteq} \subseteq \text{See's Candies:} \text{Stock up on treats for the holidays while supporting La Playa.}
- Restaurant Fundraiser at Lucille's BBQ: Wednesday, October 29 from 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Dine in or take out, and a 20% of sales goes directly to the school. <u>Details here.</u>



WE HAVE A SPOOKTACULAR WEEK AHEAD:

Tuesday: Visit from Dr. Ray Klein of <u>Silicon Beach Pediatric</u> <u>Dental</u> — a board-certified pediatric dentist known for making dental health fun and engaging!

Friday, October 31: Our Halloween Potluck & Parade!