

Celebrating Culture, Creativity, & Community

What We Did This Week

On Monday, La Playa Cooperative students began their Art of Play program, exploring abstract art and vibrant colors inspired by Wassily Kandinsky. The children read *Mouse Paint* by Ellen Stoll Walsh before using watercolors and finger paints to create their own "color splash" masterpieces. The activity encouraged creative expression, color mixing, and the development of fine motor skills in a fun and engaging way.



Wednesday, the children celebrated Día de los Muertos during their regular circle times. Teacher Mayra explained how families decorate altars, the traditional foods enjoyed, and how the day is a special time to remember and celebrate loved ones. Families were invited to send in photos of family members, friends, or pets who have passed to include on the classroom altar. The students enjoyed reading *Día de los Muertos (Celebrate the World)* by Hannah Eliot and tasting Pan de Muerto, a traditional sweet bread, making the celebration both educational and delicious.



Our Ice Cream Social at Handel's Culver City was a big success! Families came together to enjoy sweet treats and good company, turning the evening into a true community social. It was wonderful to see so many La Playa families connecting and laughing over ice cream!