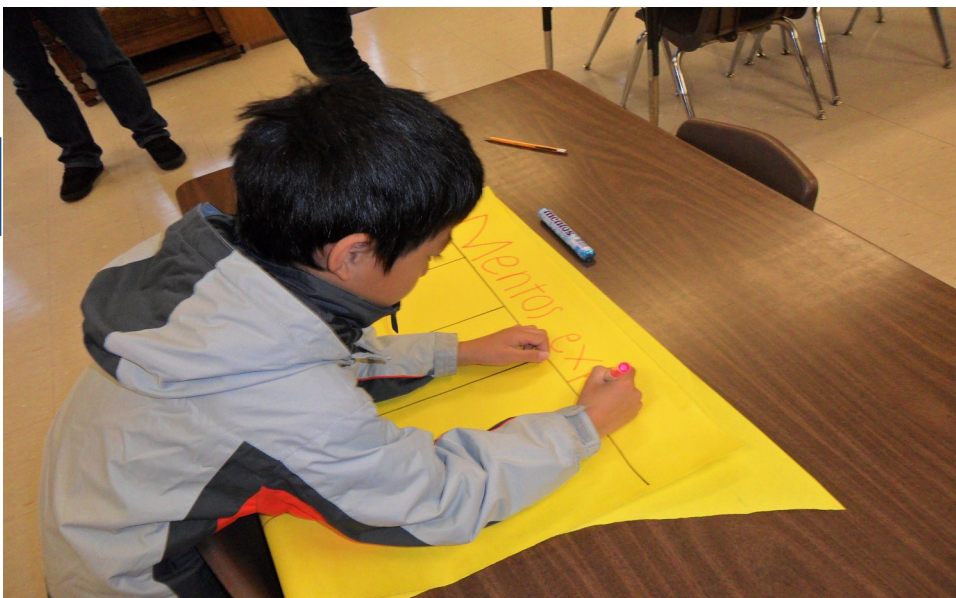


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## November 2011

## Kids Co. at John Hay News

### IMPORTANT DATES

11/3—Kids Co. Family Game Night 5:15-6:30pm

11/11—Kids Co. Closed for Veteran's Day

11/21-11/23—P/T Conferences  
No School—All Day Care at Kids Co.

11/24-11/25—Kids Co. Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

### Wish List

Foosball Table

Paper for kids art area

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

At Kids Co. we take play very seriously. We know that when children have the opportunity to play, they have the opportunity to learn. As we age and take on the responsibilities of adulthood, we tend to forget that our most formative experiences as a child did not happen sitting behind a desk. I believe that the reason we don't remember how those tinker toys or building blocks we played with as a child taught us about shapes, symmetry and how to classify is because there wasn't a teacher telling us that that was what we were learning. My focus this school year is to highlight the learning that is happening when your child is “playing” at Kids Co. I will be creating several newsletters throughout this school year to allow our children and staff to share what we have been creating, exploring and doing. Thank you for allowing us to play with your children while you are at work.

Niki

### **Diet Coke and Mentos Eruption Experiment**

By Sheila Gruner

During the week of October 10th in our before school program we participated in an experiment to test the reaction of Mentos in Diet Coke and seltzer. First, the students tested various amounts of soda and Mentos and made observations to see which combination and techniques made the largest reactions. The students then made predictions based on their observations as to the number of Mentos and

how high the eruptions would be. The students took turns dropping in the Mentos, charting the data, observing and measuring the eruptions. Most of their predictions were very close. They discovered that the number of Mentos was not a factor in how high the Diet Coke would go but that is was a factor in the seltzer. See Mythbusters to find out why Diet Coke erupts when combined with Mentos at <http://dsc.discovery.com/videos/mythbusters-diet-coke-and-mentos.html>.

# Photo Album



Sheila's Diet Coke and Mentos Experiment in the before school program.



FLIERS Cooking Club learning how to make pizza dough from scratch with Anna.



## KIDS CORNER

"Why did the dog go to the shade?  
'Cause he didn't want to be a hot dog." - Luke Hosek, 1st Grade

"Knock, knock"

"Who's there?"

"Boo"

"Boo who?"

"It's okay, don't cry."

- Maria Smith, 4th grade