

A young girl with brown hair and bangs is smiling. She has colorful face paint on her cheeks, including a pink and black design on the left and a red and yellow design on the right. She is holding a large blue balloon with white star patterns. She is wearing a red shirt.

Happy Birthday to us

Spare Time is 38 years old!
We opened in September 1974
with 12 children. Many more than
that celebrated this year with
balloons, bubbles, facepaint,
dancing in Imagination Station,
cupcakes and ice cream cake.

Photos: **Kristina (Explorers Club),**
Kai (Preschool).



Broken heart

By **Chelsea**
(**Explorers Club**)

The baby was
sick. I listened
to his heart. I
gave him
medicine and
he got better.



Shot **sunk**

By **Johnny**
(**Discovery Club**)

I practice basketball
a lot. I am happy when I
score. Our new basketballs
bounce good. Photo:
Johnny, **Ilyas, Nicholas.**





We have a few weeks to throw **weak leaves**

By **Kyla (Explorers Club)**

I love this season. We can jump in leaves and throw them around. The leaves are dry and weak. They do not hurt. Photo: Kyla, **Jillian**.



A chance to cook means **dumplings done like dinner**

By **Kaia** and **Sandya** (**Adventure Club / Safe Base**)

We like to make dumplings because after cooking them we get to eat them. This was Kaia's first time making and eating dumplings. Sandya showed how much stuffing to put in each wrap and how to pinch them closed. The stuffing had: cabbage, carrots, tofu, onion, garlic and soy sauce. Some people added shrimp, ham and egg. We boiled the dumplings and then added them to miso soup. It tasted wonderful said Sandya who was so full she did not have dinner that night. Kaia thought the dumplings were great and would like to make them again. Photo: Sandya, Kaia, pot of stuffing for dumplings.

Folded flower

By **Crystal**
(**Discovery Club**)

I have
been
making
origami
for
one year.

I like
to fold
paper
flowers,
cranes
and boxes.
Origami
is sort of
hard
but
I love
to
do
art.



Walking the dog

A stroll at 1350 West 67th Avenue in October revealed

To see sea sewing look for the mermaids in the **Adventure Club** portable. Several girls cut fabric and learned to machine-stitch fins. All they ask is that you give them a wave when they are fin-ished.

"I like my life," **Explorers Club** child while dancing with pompoms.

Neighborhood birds had a chance to fill up on peanut butter and seeds from pinecone feeders made by **Adventure Club / Save Base**. Hungry birds are now ready to fly south for winter. Next up? How to make "angry birds" happy.

Modern furniture for the new doll house took some guessing: is the grey piece a coffee table or footstool? Neither. **Explorers Club** like it as a surfboard.

"I like to go up," says **Jeran (Explorers Club)**. Up. Down. Up, up. Down, down. Up, up, summer. Down, down, autumn. Same swing. New season.



The book "my nose, your nose" is shared by brothers using "my eyes, your eyes". The Vancouver Public Library gave a library card and 62 books to StrongStart. Readers in our birth to 5 year old program say, "my thanks, your gift".

