

OCTOBER 2014

Washington University Nursery School



Ready, set, here we go!

The school year is off to a wonderful beginning. Your children are ready for the adventure of a new school year. They have settled into their classroom routines, looking forward to seeing their teachers and friends and engaging in their favorite activities in the classrooms and on the playground.

Thank you for your patience as we waited for the final touches of the playground to be completed. The new dome or “igloo” shaped climber is a hit with the kids. Not only do they love to climb to the yellow top, but imaginative play inside the dome is endless! The soft surface space that was added is seeing lots of action as well. Little feet and the green dump trucks race back and forth everyday. The expanded green grass has allowed for active soccer and baseball games. Warm weather the past few weeks has allowed the children to play in the outdoor water trough – pouring and mixing water and sand with buckets and shovels.



Who's who?

The morning classes and their teachers are:

Chona Carson and Marbie Reap, in Classroom 2, with the Teddy Bears.

Marsha Graeber and Katie Loynd, with the Bear Cubs, in Classroom 1.

Suzy Frillman and Betsy Lawlor, leading the Big Bears, in Classroom 3.

In the afternoon, the teachers are:

Marsha Graeber and Colleen Corbett, with the Panda Bears, in Classroom 2.

Katie Loynd and Lisa Schoenecker, in Classroom 3, with the Sun Bears.

Alicia Santiago-Haslag and Colleen Corbett lead our afternoon and morning Bear Tracks (extended day), respectively.



Enrichment classes

Our enrichment classes have begun. Suzy Frillman teaches special Art classes and has met with all of the classes. Your children have already had a fun and lively time singing with Laura Frank, our new music specialist and mom to Brody (Bear Cub). All classes visited Liz McCane to learn about “Butterflies and Moths”. Colleen Corbett, our Spanish teacher, has been meeting with each class for 15 minutes each week, as well as offering Spanish enrichment activities to be used in the classroom throughout the week. Parents can view their child’s upcoming enrichment schedule, weekly class announcements and current newsletter by visiting their child’s classroom page on our school website. Monthly art lessons, song lyrics, Spanish lessons and Nature on the Move fun facts can all be found on our website by clicking on curriculum and then enrichment programs.



Play Date

Our first **Play Date** of the year took place this past Wednesday, October 9 on the newly renovated playground. Many families came to enjoy the fun and friendship one a dry afternoon. There were even some graduates

Open House

Open House is scheduled for Sunday, October 12th from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. On this special day, your child can show you their classrooms, introduce you to their teachers, display their skills on the playground and share in a snack. WUNS T-shirts and sweatshirts will be available for purchase. The children enjoy wearing their “school shirts” and adult sizes are available as well.





Cardinal Fever

The children have enjoyed cheering on our hometown baseball team the St. Louis Cardinals. During sing-a-long last week in the morning, we proudly sang "Take Me Out to the Ballgame". As school we are a bit superstitious, due to the fact that few last years we've gone to the playoffs and believe our WUNS spirit helped the Cardinals get there! Let's cheer them on to a victory this week as they face the Giants in the league championship series. I know there will be late night baseball watching at my house!



Visit from Clayton Fire Department

Our school enjoyed an informative visit from the Clayton Fire Department this past week to mark annual Fire Safety Week. Classes read stories and discussed what to do in case of a fire at home. Captain Ryan and Firefighter Jason talked with our children about fire safety and how to STOP, DROP and ROLL! We learned when it's appropriate to call 9-1-1 and watched a firefighter put on all of his gear to see that he is not scary. They also brought a ladder truck and a pumper truck for us to inspect outside and ask lots of questions. If you haven't already done so, now is a good time to develop your family's fire safety plan.



Pumpkin sales are smash hit

I would like to thank the families and friends that participated in our first-ever fall pumpkin fundraiser. A huge shout-out and thank you to Bear Cub parent, Erin Toohey for suggesting, organizing and leading us through the successful event. We raised \$931.13, all which will go towards playground renovations and scholarships for families. The Big Bears incredible sales team even peddled pumpkins at the business school. Check out the article and video! <http://olinblog.wustl.edu/2014/09/pop-up-pumpkin-stand-is-smash-hit-2/>

Discovery abounds

Campus Walks

All of our classes have enjoyed venturing outside of our school to explore the larger Wash U campus. Sunny fall days have allowed for nature walks and visits to grassy quads to kick around soccer balls and run with friends. The children are beginning to notice the cooler temperatures and changing leaves on the trees.



Movement Room

Over the summer our fifth classroom was transformed into a gross motor “movement” space for our classes to use in case of inclement weather. The large matted room gives children a safe place to climb, tumble, jump and have fun with friends. We also have soft balls, tunnels, scarves and a large parachute for the children to use.



School Photos

Individual and class photographs were snapped this past week by Lifetouch Preschool Portraits. Each child’s unique personality was captured on film and will be revealed in three weeks when the proof sheet is sent home for you to review and then place an order. I can’t wait to see their beautiful smiles!



Upcoming Dates

The **Halloween Parade** and celebration will take place on Wednesday, October 29. Parents are invited to this school wide event. **Parent-teacher conferences** will be Thursday and Friday, October 30 and 31. There is no school on conference days. On-line sign-ups will be sent out via signupgenius.com next week. Childcare will be provided during your conference time.