

# BIG BEAR NEWS

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## Campus Visits

The Big Bears took two great campus walks recently. On a beautiful Wednesday morning a week and a half ago we walked up the long set of stairs to the main campus, through the tunnel under Forsyth Blvd., and over to the Elizabeth Danforth Butterfly Garden. We walked the garden paths, ran in the big grassy area, observed flowers, identified butterflies, watched bees, sketched in our journals, found insects under rocks and in tree bark, ate our snack on picnic tables, and took a group photo on the benches of McLeod's Way. Thanks to the many parents who accompanied us!



Last Tuesday we took a short walk over to Knight Hall. Nikki met us with two wagons full of pumpkins and gourds. Inside we sang songs (“Ten Little Pumpkins” and “Five Little Pumpkins Sitting on a Gate”) and sold our fall merchandise to the staff of the business school. We hope you have had a chance to view the short video! The children enjoyed the experience and had a chance to explore the forum space by climbing up the high steps/seats to the top and back down again and again.

## The Past Two Weeks

What a busy two weeks!! We are excited to be able to play in the newly renovated playground. Balls and soccer nets encouraged active play in the grassy area. Many children helped to maintain the space by sweeping sand out of the house and painting its outside with buckets of water and brushes. On the new dome-shaped climber children were enjoyed climbing, sitting on top, and then figuring out how to get back down.



Besides the two campus trips we had special classes in Spanish, Music, Art, and Science. The Big Bears were very interested in all the information and ideas they were exposed to. Check out the web site to see what we learned.

<http://nurseryschool.wustl.edu/curriculum/enrichment-programs>

Last Friday Miss Suzy's friend Marna visited our classroom to teach us colors in sign language. See if your child can show you the sign for red, blue, yellow, green, purple, and orange.



As you can tell by the photo, Friday was also Spirit Day, and many of us wore Cardinals Red that day. We celebrated Bailey's and Chien's fifth birthdays with five circles around the sun and special snacks.

The children have really been enjoying the classroom jobs. They help with the circle activities, lead the line and hold the door when we go outside, carry the lunches to the office, help prepare the snack tables, and take photographs of classroom activities. Kenley took photos at the Butterfly Garden (including a selfie!) and Kyra took photos of some of her favorite toys in the classroom.



We have been working on a Family Book that will be on display at our Open House next Sunday. Thank you for sending in family photos for the book. Each child wrote about his/her family. We made mini-drawings for the cover and started family drawings as well.

## Coming Up

This week is fire prevention week. Our firefighter prop box will be getting lots of use. We will have our second fire drill and talk about making sure your family has fire alarms and a safe outdoor place to meet in case of a fire. We will finish our Family Book and other projects that will be on display for Open House. We look forward to seeing all of you.

The following week we will begin activities related to Halloween—pumpkin math, a pumpkin poem book, and a piñata, to name a few.

## Winter Squash Bread

Preheat oven to 350. Spray loaf pan.

Mix together until blended

1 1/3 cup butter, softened

3/4 cup white sugar

1/2 cup brown sugar

Add two 2 eggs, stir

Add 1 1/2 cups cooked, pureed squash.

Mix together until blended

1 3/4 cups flour

1 tsp. baking soda

1/2 tsp baking powder

1 tsp. cinnamon

1/2 tsp salt

1/2 cup raisins, optional

Add dry ingredients and to the wet mixture. Stir until combined.

Spoon into loaf pan.

Bake for about an hour.

## Songs

### Mr. Sun, Mr. Moon

Oh Mr. Sun, sun, Mr. Golden Sun,  
Please shine down on me.

Oh Mr. Sun, sun, Mr. Golden Sun,  
Hiding behind the tree

These little children are asking you  
To please come out

so they can play with you.

Oh Mr. Sun, sun, Mr. Golden Sun,  
Please shine down on me.

Oh Mr. Moon, moon, bright  
and silvery moon,

Please shine down on me,

Oh Mr. Moon, moon, bright  
and silvery moon

Come out from behind that tree.

I like to ramble and I like to roam,  
But I like to find myself back home.

When the moon, moon,  
bright and silvery moon,  
comes shining down on me.



Kenley's photo

Preparing "Ants on a Log"