

OCTOBER 2014

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Sun Bears

Washington University Nursery School



Outdoor Fun!

The renovated playground is open and so inviting! The Bear Cubs are enjoying the new domed climbing structure. It has been a bear den, a fort, a mountain, and a place to gather with friends. The grassy area provides ample room to run, play ball, and explore. In the spirit of the Cardinals, we have been sharpening our batting, pitching, & catching skills. On these beautiful fall days, the water trough has been flowing. The Bear Cubs experiment with water and sand to create sand structures using buckets, shovels, brushes, and a variety of tools. Shaving cream feels so good as we fingerprint on the outdoor easel. The slides, scooters, and trikes continue to be outdoor favorites.

Save the Date!

Oct. 29

Halloween
Celebration

Oct. 30 -31

Parent Teacher
Conferences –
No School

Bear Unit!

We took a look at the different kinds of bears and read about their habitats, characteristics, and hibernation habits. Using rice and glue we created polar bear fur. By freezing water in a tub we explored a polar bear habitat. Our fingers were a bit chilly but water play is always exciting. We painted a bear cave and added texture with sand. With chalk & a flashlight, we made cave drawings. Special snacks included “Bear Toast” & Teddy Grahams.



Fire Prevention Week

The Clayton Fire Department came to teach us about Fire Safety. The fire fighters talked about calling 911 in case of emergencies and how to “stop, drop, and roll.” We saw what fire fighters wear when they fight fires. The Sun Bears enjoyed pretending to be fire fighters with all kinds of props including: jackets, hats, boots, hoses, etc.



5 Senses Unit

Last week we studied our five senses: taste, smell, touch, sight, and hearing. By tasting sour, sweet, salty and bitter foods we learned about our taste buds and where they are located on our tongue. Using a blindfold, we tried drawing a picture...we found the results very interesting! Our sense of touch helped us guess what objects were hiding in the balloons. We played “What’s that smell?” and matched smells to their corresponding picture. Our sense of hearing was put to the test when we shook canisters to match sounds of marbles, corn kernels, coins, rice, and water. Our beautiful painted shakers will be coming home soon for your listening pleasure! We used all five our senses when we popped popcorn! What a tasty treat!



Looking Ahead:

For the next few weeks we will enjoy the season of Autumn and Halloween with songs, projects, and activities. We enjoyed seeing so many of you at the Open House on Sunday! Our wonderful families make Washington University Nursery School a very special place! Happy Fall!



Books we read:

Brown Bear, Brown Bear & Polar Bear, Polar Bear by Eric Carle

Black Bear Cub by Alan Lind

Going on a Bear Hunt

The Five Senses by Alik

Seven Blind Mice by Ed Young

Press Here by Herve Tullet

