

# Sun Bear Newsletter

## Washington University Nursery School

November 2014

### Upcoming Events

11/21      **Dad's Day at 2:15 p.m.**

Dads, Grandfathers, and special guests are welcome

11/26 -  
11/28      **Thanksgiving Break**  
No School

12/17      Last Day of School before  
Winter Recess



### Bat Week

We are just batty over bats! During Bat Week we explored these interesting winged mammals. We discovered that bats and birds have many similarities and differences. Echolocation allows bats to "see" in the dark. By experimenting with paper tubes and a tin pan, we listened to echoes and heard sounds bounce back to us. We created bats out of tissue paper, cardboard, and paint. We loved the slippery "Bat Goo" made from glue, water, Borax, and shiny tiny bats. We LOVE bats!

#### Bat Books:

[Stellaluna](#) by Janell Cannon

[National Geographic for Kids: Bats](#)

[The Little Lost Bat](#) by Sandra Markle

[Bats at the Library](#) by Brian Lies



### Halloween Parade & Party

Thank you for coming to celebrate with our little trick or treaters!

Hope you enjoyed our special treats and had a wonderful Halloween!



# Thanksgiving

**Sun Bears are very thankful for many things!**

The Sun Bears have been busy learning about the first Thanksgiving. We enjoyed Thanksgiving puzzles, stories, songs, making turkeys, and writing Native American pictographs. We painted *Mayflower* ships. This week we will continue to talk about this special holiday and all of things that we thankful for each day.

## Cold Weather Alert

As the weather changes and becomes colder, we will continue to play outdoors. Playing outdoors provides so many valuable opportunities for gross motor control, strength, and imaginative play. Be sure to dress your child for the colder temperatures with hats, mittens, appropriate footwear, etc. We truly appreciate your help. Thank you!

Thanksgiving Books:

Feeling Thankful

Thanksgiving is for Giving Thanks

The Pilgrims' First Thanksgiving

A Turkey for Thanksgiving

## Sorority Project on Respect

The WUSTL Alpha Phi Omega Sorority came to our classroom and lead a project about showing "Respect for Others." They discussed how our friends can be similar to us and also different. The children brainstormed ideas about how to show respect for others. Each child made a unique "monster" and told how their "monster" is special. The class really enjoyed working with these enthusiastic volunteers. ☺

