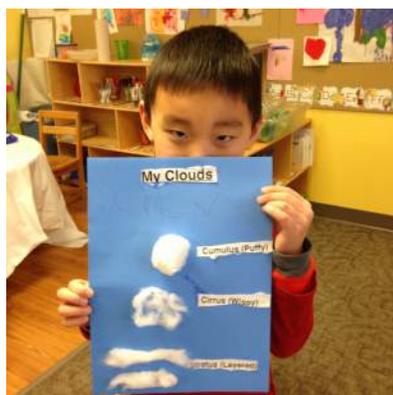


# Sun Bear Newsletter

## FEBRUARY 23-MARCH 13



### Weather/100th Day of School

The Sun Bears enjoyed learning about different kinds of weather! It was fun to explore real snow and add bright watercolor to it with droppers. We also made ice crystals and observed 8 inches of snow melt into only 4 inches of water. The Sun Bears learned there are different kinds of clouds including cumulus (puffy), cirrus (wispy) and stratus (layered), and we were amazed watching soap fluff in the microwave turning into a puffy "cloud." We also did a neat experiment to watch a cloud escape from a jar. We learned about the water cycle on a simple level of clouds letting out rain, and then the sun drying up (evaporating) the rain taking the moisture back up to the clouds. The kids liked creating their own cycles with cotton clouds, glittery rain and yellow tissue suns! They also used cotton balls to experiment with sucking up blue drops of water until the cotton (clouds) were so full they released the water (rain). There has been so much anticipation for the 100th day of school since we first started counting our days on the very first day. The Sun Bears were proud to present their own collections of 100 items. They also had a great time counting out 10 pieces of 10 kinds of food to create a tasty snack of 100 bites as well as making a crown with 10 strips each having 10 stickers, stamps, etc. Everyone searched high and low for 100 chocolate kisses hidden around the room, each with a number sticker on the bottom for us to keep track of how many had been found. There was one last kiss missing for most of the afternoon, but the mystery was finally solved when it was spotted under the easel. We were all excited to completely fill the 100s chart when the last kiss was found!

#### WEATHER BOOKS:

[The Mitten](#)

[Snow](#)

[Clouds](#)

[Little Cloud](#)

[Grandma's Weather](#)

#### 100TH DAY BOOK:

[Miss Bindergarten Celebrates the 100th Day of Kindergarten](#)



## DR. SEUSS BOOKS

- \*The Foot Book
- \*Yertle the Turtle
- \*Oh The Places You'll Go
- \*Green Eggs and Ham
- \*Wacky Wednesday
- \*The Cat in the Hat
- \*One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish

## GAMES & ST. PATRICK BOOKS

- \*Emma Kate
- \*Ferdinand
- \*Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day
- \*That's What Leprechauns Do
- \*Molly McLean and the St. Patrick's Day Parade

It has been a treat to be outside this week enjoying the sunshine and warm weather! We wish all of our Sun Bear families a wonderful Spring Break and we look forward to being together again on Monday, March 23rd :)



## Dr. Seuss

In honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2nd, we all loved having a week to enjoy some of his wonderful books and fun related activities. The Sun Bears had a great time learning more about how useful their feet can be, and even tried out creating art with their feet by putting paintbrushes between their toes and painting vibrant colors on black paper. They were amazed how neat their pictures turned out! They also traced their feet and measured them with unifix cubes, and put puzzles together matching heads of creatures with their appropriate "feet." A highlight of the week was making little turtles out of cardboard egg carton sections. The Sun Bears loved creating their own turtles by painting the "shell," adding fun googly eyes to the puff ball head as well as pipe cleaner legs and tail. Many of these cute little pets even ended up with a yarn leash as well to be guided around the room. The kids were fascinated with green ooblek- it is a mystery if this water/corn starch substance is a liquid or a solid?? On Cat in the Hat day, we celebrated Dr. Seuss with a tasty treat made of red jello and white whipped cream layers to look like the striped hat- mmmm!!

## Games and St. Patrick's Day

The Sun Bears enjoyed learning and exploring many new games this week. We played whole group games such as Number Bingo and Musical Chairs as well as small group games like Uno, sequencing cards, Race to the Roof, Zingo, Perfection, Chickyboom and Color/Shape Bingo. The kids have practiced playing with a positive attitude, taking turns, and congratulating the winner! We also enjoyed some St. Patrick's Day activities such as counting out pennies to put in a cauldron pot, matching alphabet letters on gold coins, painting a rainbow with a pot of gold, making Irish children puppets, playing a memory game with green objects and graphing the magical Lucky Charms marshmallow pieces.