



# Big Bear News



December 2016



## Important Dates:

### Winter Break:

December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016-  
January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

January 16<sup>th</sup>: NO  
SCHOOL MLK Jr. Day

### Thank You...

for all of your contributions  
to the food pantry and to  
our adopted family!!!

## Washington University Nursery School

## What's Happening In the Classroom?

### The Last few weeks...

Have been bustling and busy in the Big Bear Classroom. Our focus was on empathy and giving. Through class discussion, we contemplated how we could make the world a better place, no thought or deed too small, for example, ***-holding open the door for a friend or a stranger*** ***-donating to those who are in need.***

The children decorated wrapping paper, which we later used to wrap donations for our adopted family. We also spent time writing kind words to pass on to one another and family. We challenged our olfactory senses with seasonal scents (cinnamon, cocoa, evergreen, & peppermint) and surveyed each of the Big Bears. Ellie W. celebrated her last day as a Big Bear with us before the break. She will be truly missed! Sun Bear Will, will be joining our morning in the New Year. He is a welcome addition, with many friends already knowing him☺



### How Our Curriculum Supports Children's Development:

Materials and equipment used to implement the curriculum reflect the lives of the children and families as well as the diversity found in society including peers in our classroom and school, as well as children and family in our neighboring community, such as our adopted family.

Each area of the classroom is designed to strengthen communication skills, as well as build confidence and creativity.

### **Spotlight on: Dr. Seuss-our “uniqueness & likenesses.”**

The Big Bear Class, embarked on a field trip to The New City School to watch the first grade class (including a few WUNS Alumni) perform “The Sneetches” authored by Dr. Seuss. A story that hi-lighted the value of our sameness with others and our differences with others. We hope you enjoy your time off of school with your child and family! Relax, renew & reconnect over the Holiday Break & see you soon☺ ~Ms. Suzy & Ms. Alicia