



## SUN BEARS CLASSROOM:

### FAIRY TALES AND VALENTINES

During the week of January 30, the afternoon class had a chance to enjoy a few classic fairy tales, including The Little Red Hen, the Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, and the Three Billy Goats Gruff.

## UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

2/17 - NO SCHOOL:  
2/20 PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT  
DAY AND  
PRESIDENT'S DAY

3/20 - SPRING BREAK:  
3/24 NO SCHOOL

Sun Bears discovered that fairy tales often begin with "Once upon a time," that they usually have animals in them, and that they teach us lessons about life. For example, ever since we have read, The Little Red Hen, we teachers will hear children say, "I will!" when we ask, "Who will help me clean the blocks?" (They don't want to be like the animals in the story that didn't help the hen plant, gather or grind the wheat—no bread for them!) Children also had a chance to build bridges out of different types of blocks and paint goat masks and make play-doh trolls in preparation for The Three Billy Goats Gruff. One of our favorite tasks as preschool teachers is to connect literature with every theme. Whether we share fiction or nonfiction, we see children's love of books grow, providing a foundation for stronger listening and comprehension skills.





We loved our Sun Bear Valentine Day's celebration this week. To prepare for the party, we decorated bags to receive our valentines, made sensory bottles, created a variety of "love"ly art, and decorated cookies to have as a snack. A nice time was had by all. Something else Sun Bears love? The chance to enjoy fresh air, warmer breezes, and sunshine on our outdoor playground. In February. In St. Louis. It's a beautiful thing.



*Until next time,  
Miss Colleen & Miss Katie*