



Washington University
Nursery School

Sun Bears

*We believe in learning
through play.*

February 9, 2018



Upcoming Important Dates:
VALENTINE'S DAY: Feb. 14

MAGIC HOUSE: Feb. 15

**NO SCHOOL: Friday and
Monday, February 16 & 19
(Professional Development Day
and President's Day)**

Books we've enjoyed the last two weeks:

Week of January 29:

A Journey Through Space (Authors: Haslam & Parker)

My Very First Space Book (Publisher: Scholastic)

Grandpa Takes Me to the Moon (Author: Gaffney)

Chicken in Space (Author: Lehrhaupt)

Otter in Space (Author: Garton)

Moonshot (Author: Floca) Thanks, Jakob!

There's No Place Like Space (Author: Dr. Seuss)

Week of February 5:

Winners Never Quit by Mia Hamm

Koala Lou by Mem Fox

Three Cheers for Tacky by Helen Lester

Miss Nelson Has a Field Day by James Marshall

How to Train with a T. Rex and Win by Michael Phelps

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOM?

Sun Bears wrapped up their exploration of SPACE last week by creating a "rocket" using recycled materials. This class is a building group, so children also found nearly 101 ways to create spacecraft from favorite materials like legos and blocks.

We capped the week with a campus field trip to the Earth and Planetary Science department, where a replica of the Mars Rover is on display, as well as a variety of rocks and fossils that intrigued Sun Bears. On the sidewalk as we exited the building, bronze plaques of the planets in our solar system were embedded in the concrete.



With the Olympics beginning halfway around the world, Sun Bears had a great week discovering more about this special event. They created the Olympic Rings to hang in the classroom windows, as well as a collaged torch to symbolize the friendship of athletes from many countries coming together to compete in winter sports. We made head wreaths and created the flags of the United States and South Korea as well.



We also played our own versions of “preschool Olympic games” in circle each day. We tried beanbag washers, did a standing long jump, raced through a tunnel, and had fun with “balloon tennis.” We reminded the children each day to support their “teammates” efforts, follow the rules of the games, and have fun.

On our last day, we walked to Francis Field, home of the track that hosted field events at the 1904 Summer Olympics. Enjoying a relay run was a great way to end our week, which highlighted perseverance, friendship and the enjoyment of sport.



Until next time,

*Miss Colleen &
Miss Katie*