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Panda Bear News

Washington University Nursery School



Classroom Happenings

During the past two weeks, the Pandas have been learning about “Things That Fly” and “Bugs.” We found out that both birds and chicks hatch from eggs, that birds fly, but chickens don’t! As part of our yearly spring theme at Wuns, a dozen eggs arrived at school that are currently in the Big Bear/Sun Bear Room. They are in an incubator which turns them and keeps them warm. We look forward to seeing them hatch in twenty-one days.

The children also learned about bugs. We discovered that bugs have three body parts. The first part is the head which has compound eyes, two antennae, and mouth. Second is the thorax which contains the legs and wings. The third part is the abdomen which holds the stomach and heart. Wuns will be getting caterpillars at the end of April. The Pandas will watch them go through a metamorphosis from caterpillar to chrysalis to butterfly. This process will take about three weeks. We will release them in our garden before the end of the school year.



Important Dates

**Teacher
Conference
Prep Day,
No School**

April 6, 2018

**Dewey’s Dine-
in
Or Take-out**

April 10, 2018

**Parent-Teacher
Conferences
April 19, 20
No School
Babysitting
available**



Classroom Happenings, continued

During Spanish class, Ms. Colleen taught the class the word for butterfly, *mariposa* as the children took turns with the butterfly. Each Panda landed on a different colored flower, *flor*, while singing to a song.

We also focused on children's author, Leo Lionni who was born in the Netherlands and lived from 1939-1999. He wrote many animal themed books that focuses on important life lessons including individuality, friendships, and working as a team.

Books and Songs

Books: Owl Babies (Martin Waddell), The Grouchy Ladybug and The Very Busy Spider (Eric Carle) Butterfly, Butterfly: A Book of Colors (Petr Horacek), Swimmy, It's Mine! Frederick and The Color of His Own (Leo Lionni)

Songs: "The Little Green Frog," "Little Arabella Miller," "The Fuzzy Caterpillar," "The Itsy Bitsy Spider," and "Slippery Fish."

We look forward to meeting with you during Parent Teacher Conferences!

*Much Love,
Marsha and Chona*

