

Bear Cub News

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Bear Cubs explore the Wash U. Campus



The next two weeks we
will be exploring autumn,
pumpkins and Halloween!

Campus Walk

Last Wednesday, we took a walking fieldtrip to see some amazing structures called Sukkahs. At Washington University, the structures are part of an educational exercise called [Sukkah City STL 2014](#). It's an architectural and design competition put on by the Sam Fox School of Design. The children were able to explore the different structures by walking around and through them to experience the outdoor dwellings up close. After our visit, we enjoyed a snack in the "secret garden" where we enjoyed the beautiful weather, finding leaves, and playing with friends.



Outdoor Fun!

The renovated playground is open and so inviting! The Bear Cubs are enjoying the new domed climbing structure. It has been a bear den, a fort, a mountain, and a place to gather with friends. The grassy area provides ample room to run, play ball, and explore. In the spirit of the Cardinals, we have been sharpening our batting, pitching, & catching skills. On these beautiful fall days, the water trough has been flowing. The Bear Cubs experiment with water and sand to create sand structures using buckets, shovels, brushes, and a variety of tools. Shaving cream feels so good as we finger-paint on the outdoor easel. The slides, scooters, and trikes continue to be outdoor favorites.



Fire Prevention Week

The Clayton Fire Department came to teach us about Fire Safety. The fire fighters talked about calling 911 in case of emergencies and how to “stop, drop, and roll.” We saw what fire fighters wear when they fight fires.



Bears

We took a look at the different kinds of bears and read about their habitats, hibernation habits and characteristics. We created polar bear fur using rice and glue. By freezing water in a tub we created a polar bear habitat. Our fingers were a bit chilly but water play is always exciting.

We read the following Bear books:

Brown Bear, Brown Bear by Eric Carle

Polar Bear, Polar Bear by Eric Carle

Bear on a Bike by Stella Blackstone

Corduroy Goes to the Fire Station

by Lisa McCue, Don Freeman,
B. G. Hennessy



Fall Leaves

*Leaves, leaves everywhere!
Can you catch one if you dare?*

The leaves are beginning to change to beautiful shades of red, yellow and orange. With paint, glitter, paper, markers, and other materials we created beautiful fall foliage. The highlight of the week was finger-painting with fall colors.

Creating Daily Routines

Each day, we provide predictable routines that establish structure and consistency. We review the calendar, count our days, and talk about the days of the week. We sing songs and listen to stories in our circle. Clean up time is an important part of our schedule that teaches responsibility and organization.



*Thank you for sharing your children with us!
We enjoy watching them grow, change, and explore each day! For the next few weeks we will enjoy Halloween songs, projects, and activities. We enjoyed seeing so many of you at the Open House on Sunday! Our wonderful families make Washington University Nursery School a very special place!
Happy Fall and Go Cards!
~ Katie & Marsha*