



September 27, 2019

SUN BEAR NEWS

Washington University Nursery School



CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Our theme the week of September 16 was BEARS! We learned about our namesake Sun Bears, had plenty of opportunities to create bear art, compared our hands with a bear claw, and even hunted for bears on campus with homemade binoculars.

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

**Open House for current families:
Saturday, October 5, 11:30 - 1:30**

**NO SCHOOL: Professional
Development Day, October 18**

**Halloween celebrations, October
30, 2:15 pm for Sun Bears class**



On our first campus hike, not only did Sun Bears discover the bear statue in front of the Athletic Complex, they also came across a "spectacular"--the sculpture of the Olympic rings. We'll be returning to this iconic landmark, celebrating St. Louis as home of the 1904 Olympics, throughout the year.

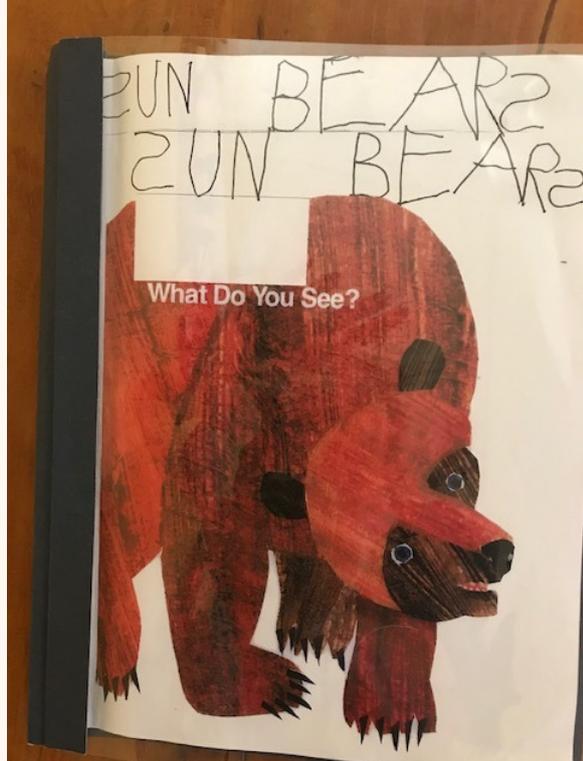


Developmental skills practiced during our "Bear Theme":

- *Communication and listening as we discussed different bears each day and enjoyed several bear books*
- *Math and science as we played dice games and built structures for bear figurines*
- *Fine motor as we introduced journal writing*
- *Gross motor as we hiked on campus*
- *Social/emotional as we provided numerous opportunities for small group, imaginative and collaborative play*

During the week of September 26, our theme in Sun Bears was "The Five Senses." Monday's topic was sight, so Sun Bears drew each others' eyes and wrote their own version of "Sun Bear, Sun Bear, What Do You See?" Tuesday's play focused on the sense of smell, with the art table full of fragrant tempera paint (thanks to some added hand lotion) that the children used to create a picture that they can always stop by and smell. Wednesday was "hearing day," and the beautiful book, "The Listening Walk" inspired a slow, quiet meander on campus. After the walk, Sun Bears shared what they heard.

Thursday was "the sense of touch" day, and children enjoyed making a "texture collage," full of fabric and paper with different surfaces. Some Sun Bears also had the chance to make slime, an ooey, gooey concoction. The sense of taste rounded out the week, with children picking their favorite type of popcorn--salty or sweet?



Until next time,
Colleen & Katie