



Scenes from Bat Week:  
(Clockwise from below):  
Venn diagrams, bat  
headbands, and bat slime



- UPCOMING DATES:**
- 10/31 Halloween Parade and Party: 2:15 pm
  - 11/3, 11/4 Parent/Teacher Conferences (NO SCHOOL)
  - 11/4 Book Fair at Barnes and Noble (Ladue) Story time 10:00 am (All purchases throughout day from store and café will count toward the WUNS fundraiser.)
  - 11/18 Dads, Grandpas, and Special Friends Day  
  
Enjoy a treat and time with the Sun Bears : 2:15 pm
  - 11/23 – NO SCHOOL,  
11/25 THANKSGIVING BREAK

**YES, SUN BEARS WENT A LITTLE BATTY.**

## WEEK OF OCTOBER 11 - 14

Bats are fascinating animals, and Sun Bears learned quite a bit about this tiny mammal during our theme. In art, we created bat headbands, bat slime and bats from coffee filters. We sponge painted on a bat cutout against black paper. We painted and glittered “Elvis”—a big bat that now hangs from our window. An “echolocation” experiment was set up at the science table with pie plates and cardboard tubes. Of course, we needed to read *Stellaluna*, plus other books that helped children learn bat facts. At week’s end, we compared bats and birds with a “Venn diagram”—noting comparisons and contrasts. We will practice “What’s the same? What’s different?” throughout the year, which builds a child’s skill in categorizing.



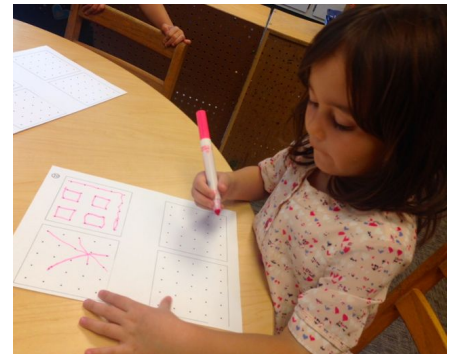
## Clayton Fire Department Visits

Sun Bears learned about fire safety this week from our community helpers down the street. "Stop, drop and roll" and "Call 911" were highlighted.



## WEEK OF OCTOBER 17 – 21: SHAPES

Shapes, shapes, shapes all around us: formas, formas, alrededor! Besides our Spanish lesson this week, which taught Sun Bears *circulo*, *cuadrado*, *triangulo*, *rectangulo*, *estrella* (circle, square, triangle, rectangle, star), we learned all about what makes a shape a shape. This theme helps Sun Bears learn basic geometry concepts and vocabulary that will create a foundation for future math and science experiences. At art, we painted, stenciled and shaped playdoh featuring the five shapes noted above. At the writing table, we used scissors and glue throughout the week to create collages that featured a shape a day. So many classroom materials are available (legos, soft and hard blocks, balls, ramps, Widgets, geo-boards, unifix cubes, magnet tiles) that our children who love building were in heaven. Lots of fine and gross motor muscles were used this week! We also enjoyed the books Circle Dogs, City Shapes and Mouse Shapes. Your Sun Bear may extend this theme at home and start pointing out shapes s/he sees indoors and out.



We look forward to meeting with you at our upcoming Parent/Teacher conferences. Please know that if you ever have a question or concern, you are welcome to contact either of us via email or in person.

Our next week will be Halloween-themed. Keep an eye out for an email that will explain our party on October 31. We keep it low-key for Sun Bears—still fun, but as stress-free as we can make it!

*Until next time, Miss Katie and Miss Colleen*

