

Welcome Big Bears!



COMING UP...

# BIG BEARS NEWS



We spent our first our new classroom & observing playground.

## Beginning & New Routines...

two weeks of school learning & exploring & routines, engaging in new responsibilities changes and progress on our ever changing

Our morning routine consists of entering the classroom, hanging our backpacks and belongings on our hook, washing hands, checking in at our “sign in” board and greeting friends. Each day Big Bears will find open-ended activities in the Art Area, Writing Area, Science Area, Manipulative Area, Housekeeping Area, Block Area, Dollhouse House, Sensory Table and Easel.

Each Big Bear Student had the opportunity to create a self portrait, and some parents did as well. We also practiced writing the first letter of our first names to check in each morning. In the Art & Writing Areas, we have spent time drawing, watercoloring, finger painting, tracing upper & lower case letters, and mixing new colors. The Science Area provided space for

sensory  
exploration:  
fingerpaints

observations of local late summer/early fall artifacts from trees and gardens. Big Bears also “shook” their way to butter (heavy whipping cream in sealed containers), which we later tasted on saltines for snack, along with some Michigan Apple Butter.

Circle/Group time engages the whole class in daily temperature and weather checks, learning the calendar and looking at our day ahead. Next, everyone enjoys a snack and polite conversation and then we head out to the playground or for a Campus “Walkabout.”

We enjoyed a week of firsts...Spanish with Ms. Colleen, Music with Ms. Laura and Art Enrichment with Ms. Suzy.

## Coming Up...

Over the next two weeks, we will be focusing on our Family Books, a compilation of your family photo, a drawing of your family, and written information about your family gained through student interviews. Your family book will be debuted at **WUNS Open House on Sunday, Oct. 12th from 11:30-1:30pm...Please join us!**

We will also explore the world of insects (an interest displayed by Big Bear Students:) in our environment, accompanied by a **walk to the Butterfly Garden on the Washington University Campus on: Wednesday, September 24th at 9:30AM-Parent Volunteers Encouraged. Please let us know if you are interested in joining us on our adventure!**

### Reminders:

- phone call from teacher
- scholastic book orders due 9.22.14
- butterfly garden walk 9.24.14
- professional development day 10.10.14
- open house 10.12.14



## Reminders...

\*We will be calling parents this week to touch base with you about your child's first couple of weeks of school and answer any questions you may have about their adjustment to the Big Bear Classroom.\*

~please send in a family photo, if you have not already done so

~Scholastic book orders due Monday, September 22nd

~campus walk to the Butterfly Garden on Wednesday, Sept. 24th @ 9:30am-VOLUNTEERS needed

~Friday, October 10th NO SCHOOL-PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

~Sunday, October 12th      WUNS Open House 11:30-1:30PM