

October 13-24, 2014

# SUN BEARS NEWSLETTER

## Fall Week Books

Fall Leaves Fall

Hooray for Fall

The Biggest Pumpkin Ever

Where's My Mummy?

The Little Orange House

## Specials

It is truly "special" for the Sun Bears to visit with Miss Colleen once a week for a Spanish activity, Miss Laura for music every other week, and once a month with Miss Suzy for Art and Miss Liz for Nature on the Move. How wonderful for them to be exposed to a different language, happy songs and fun instruments, new art techniques and the beauty of nature!

## Teacher Contacts

You are welcome to contact us any time with questions, thoughts or comments :)

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## FALL WEEK!

The Sun Bears had a wonderful time learning about Fall and the amazing changes going on in nature. They discovered the many different shapes, sizes and colors of leaves and continue to enthusiastically collect a variety of leaves that fall on our playground to talk about the beautiful details. They made a lovely leaf lantern that decorates our snack table with a soft glow, played a leaf memory/matching game, created cute Fall masks with leaves and berries, and learned about symmetry putting together a person made of leaves that had matching arms, legs, hands and feet. Our bulletin board that once displayed a tree covered with green handprint leaves and apples now has colorful Fall leaves and dangling painted pinecones. The SB kids also explored pumpkins- they loved pushing pins into a small pumpkin and looping rubber bands around them, opening up a pumpkin to scoop out the seeds and bake them for a tasty snack, playing with gushy pumpkin putty and making a surprise pumpkin house for a little witch. The Sun Bears had lots of fun exploring Fall!





## HALLOWEEN WEEK BOOKS

[Miss Nelson is Missing!](#)

[Go Away Big Green Monster](#)

[Pumpkin Jack](#)

[Miss Fiona's Stupendous](#)

[Pumpkin Pies](#)

[On Halloween Night](#)

[The Ghost's Dinner](#)

## CONFERENCES

We are looking forward to meeting with all of you this week to share details about your child's experience at school. We are enjoying each of our Sun Bears and are excited about the opportunity to visit with their parents to discuss how they are learning and growing at school. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding conferences!

# HALLOWEEN WEEK!

Halloween is such a fun, exciting holiday for kids! This past week, we made cute little ghosts with the Sun Bear's white footprints, created "thumbkin patches" with orange thumbprints and squished in gushy shaving cream glue to make puffy white ghosts. They also used a scale to weigh mini pumpkins and gourds, sorted different shaped Halloween erasers to graph how many there were of each comparing greatest to fewest, and rolled a die to add mini black cats, ghosts and pumpkins to an egg carton and then rolled again to subtract them. The Sun Bears voted from 3 different face options for our pumpkin- scary won! The kids helped to carve the "scaryish" face and then we enjoyed turning off the lights and watching the glow of a flickering battery candle in our class jack-o-lantern. The next day, we had a bit of a surprise when we discovered a creature had taken off with our pumpkin's top! We also did some mixing and stirring together this week, making orange glittery play doh, and tasty treats of pumpkin bread, boonanas and "orange" pumpkins- mmm! The kids loved sharing their costume plans and then journaling a picture of their costume with the detailed parts- they are all very excited for trick-or-treating! Finally, they also had a fantastic time squeezing colored vinegar out of pipettes onto a tray of baking soda- the results were amazing with explosions of colorful bubbles and it was so neat to watch the mixing and blending to form new colors!



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