

# Panda Bear Newsletter

We are the Panda Bears, the mighty, mighty Panda Bears:  
We love to laugh and play, 'cause we are learning everyday!



We have had a fantastic two weeks in the Panda Bear classroom—busy with fun, learning and laughter. Children have explored the seasonal changes with an in-depth look at leaves. We observed, collected, colored, cut, stenciled, painted, stamped, sculpted, glued and glittered various leaf shapes. As one of our Panda Bears observed as he walked into the classroom, “We always have fun stuff to do to here.” This week, we continue to explore fall with pumpkin spice-scented play dough and a homemade version of “Gak” (seen above). Panda Bears soon figured out that once rolled into a ball...their Gak bounced! Children also had the chance to create fall collages and wreaths.

## Halloween Fun

Panda Bears will celebrate (a little early) Halloween with a short costume parade and a special snack on **October 29**.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

We will not have our regular school days on **October 30 & 31** so that we can have our parent/teacher conferences.

## Parent Social

Saturday, **November 8**, 7:00 pm

Three Kings Public House

6307 Delmar Blvd.



## Building: An Ongoing Discovery For Panda Bears

Every day in the Panda Bear classroom, we change the building materials for the children to explore. We watch them build structures either individually or collaboratively. Many skills are sharpened during this free choice time: eye/hand coordination, critical thinking, problem solving, and communication to name a few.

We love to watch the “ah ha” moments when a marble makes its way down a tunnel that a child has created, or a funny face emerges with Mr. Potato Head. As the year progresses, we will see more complex structures being built, as well as deeper understandings about how the world “works.”

When the building materials are cleaned up, and it is time for a story during circle, Panda Bears continue to build: with their imaginations. We love to see their delightful engagement with literature that we share. Some of the books that we have enjoyed during story time during the last two weeks include:

The Falling Leaves by Steve Metzger

It's Fall by Linda Glaser

Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf by Lois Ehlert

I'm Not Afraid of This Haunted House by Laurie Friedman

Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson

Alice and Greta: A Tale of Two Witches by Steven J. Simmons

*Until next time,  
Colleen & Marsha*