

# PANDA BEAR NEWSLETTER

**October 5, 2014**



## THE PLAYGROUND IS OPEN

The full-scale opening of our newly designed playground has been exciting for our school community. All of the children are involved in play in the many different areas offered on the playground. We have a big grassy area for ball and field play, the colorful and challenging new climber sitting on the soft new surface. The soft new surface offers the children a large area to run and race the trucks around the playground. Of course, our swings are back in motion with children learning to pump and glide. We repositioned the water trough so that the run off of water flows in a natural way into the sand area. We have had beautiful weather allowing us to enjoy water play for most of September and hopefully moving forward into October. The hint of colder temperatures is slowly moving our way. Please make sure your children are dressed appropriately so that he/she is comfortable outside. Comfortable, durable shoes are also important. Some children are bothered by the sand in open shoes (like crocs). We recommend wearing sneakers, tennis shoes with socks moving into the colder months. We will be walking up on campus to explore the exciting and wonderful changes in nature.

### Important Dates:

Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>: SCHOOL PHOTOS

Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>: NO SCHOOL- Professional Development Day

Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>: 11:30a.m.-1:30p.m. Open House For All Classes and Families

Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>: Halloween Celebration!

Thursday and Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>: NO SCHOOL- Parent Conferences



## RECOGNIZING COLOR

Picking a favorite color is popular with our students. Everyone has an opinion on color (which may change daily). If the Cardinals are playing, the personal choice is red for many of the children. Listed are some of the books we introduced to the Panda Bears at story time:

### WHO SAID RED

Mary Serfozo

### LITTLE BLUE AND LITTLE YELLOW

Leo Lionni

### MY WORLD OF COLOR

Margaret Wise Brown

## MAKING SENSE

We enjoyed discussing our senses with hands on experiences. We hope your children shared some of the exciting conversations, games, and experiences we had to explore the "Making Sense" unit.

Listed are some of the books that we incorporated into the sense unit:

The Look Book by Tana Hoben

My Five Senses by Alik

Noisy by Shirley Hughes

The Five Senses by Keith Faulkner



**SPECIAL ATTENTION TO  
OUR SPECIAL CLASSES:  
MUSIC, SCIENCE, ART AND  
SPANISH!**

**What a great week to learn!  
HAVE A GREAT WEEK!  
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FOR UPDATES!!  
THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT  
YOU DO FOR OUR  
WONDERFUL SCHOOL!  
MARSHA AND COLLEEN**