

## Teddy Bear News

Mr. Golden Sun did come out!!! And the Teddies and their teachers rejoiced! If you experienced the cold winter blahs, imagine a room full of Teddy Bears and their teachers. The cold kept us inside, but it was anything but blah! The extended Free Choice Time led to much more imaginative play. One little girl came to school in her own amazing dress ups! She walked into the room as a beautiful mermaid.....I almost died when I saw her!! The trucks went on far more extensive trips, and the Art Table has never seen such action! The Teddies had lots of chances to practice their patience and their negotiating skills, and their interactive skills. I think we might have that area covered for the rest of the year! One day when the trucks were moving faster than ever and our voices were rising higher than ever, we went outside the classroom and ran around the picnic tables and shouted and shouted...It was fantastic. I screamed as much as the children, but I didn't run as much.

We did have something very special happen in the Teddy Bear Room during our cold sojourn. Stella joined our class. She and her sister, Olivia, who is in the Big Bear Room, had a lengthy trip to China last semester. Stella is delightful. She is happy and busy and very comfortable already. This says a great deal about how happy and welcoming your Teddies are, and how fun this class is!

We had some special classes which gave us a treat and stopped the action for a little while. We settled down and enjoyed Miss Colleen. She is reviewing Spanish words for numbers and colors. She teaches with songs and games and the children love it! The game of Twister was spot on!!! Miss Laura also came for Music Class. We have the greatest time keeping the beats, singing, dancing, and playing musical instruments. There is a little disappointment when the artist doesn't get the instrument of his/her choice. But "the beat goes on." And the artist is right back into the swing of things quickly. We like to look at this situation as a learning experience!

We are currently working on our Nursery Rhyme theme. We made a big, big tuffet for the big Little Miss Muffet we made at the Art Table. We dabbed with daubers, and painted with brushes and sponges. Then we painted a spider to come along and frighten our Little Miss! All of this art gave us time to use our cooperative art skills. We did do a little individual art. We made spider webs by painting with string and sprinkling with glitter...You simply have to have glitter!

I hope you have had a chance to view the many pictures that Chona has sent. You can see the children working and playing. Don't miss the amazing structures that are being created at the Light Table and the Early Math Table. And remember, the camera adds ten pounds to the adults in the pictures!

Bye for now. We love you and  
your children!

Marbie and Chona