

BIG BEAR NEWS

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"The Princess Castle"

The Big Bears began February preparing for our plays: making scenery, putting together costumes and props, making programs for their parents, and practicing their roles in the plays. On Thursday we performed a dress rehearsal in front of the entire school and on Friday performed for parents and friends. Thanks so much for coming! Below are the highlights of the day for the children.

In Our Own Words

Sonali: I liked being a Monster Box Troll.

Sabrina: I liked growling like a Jaguar.

Christopher: I liked being a Construction Worker.

Shun: I liked taking down the blocks.

Olivia: I like being a Princess.

Nina: I liked being Pocahantas and pulling at the shoe.

Louis: I liked being a Zoo Person with Kenley.

Estella: I liked pulling on the glass slipper.

Cate: I liked being Aurora when I had the glass slipper at first.

Chien: I like spraying water as an Elephant.

Kyra: I liked making the Baby Bear fly.

Avaneesh: I liked being the Excavator.

Manu: I liked being a Robot and knocking down the buildings.

Kenley: I liked being a Bee buzzing around the Princesses.

Sadie: I liked it when I was a Tiger and crossed the bridge.



"The Robot and Poseidon"



"The Skyscraper"

The Past Two Weeks

Besides working on the plays we found time to celebrate Ground Hog's Day. We read stories about Punxsutawney Phil, did shadow activities with sun paper, and made paper ground hogs that poked out of a cup. We made delicious chocolate chip cookies to serve our guests and compiled the weather graph for January.



Louis's photo at the Post Office

Last week was all about hearts and valentines. We hope you have received your special valentine in the mail! Everyone learned how to address an envelope with their last name, street address, city, state, and zip code. We walked over to the campus post office just west of the school, bought stamps, placed them in the top right corner of the envelope, and put them in the mail slot.

We made lots and lots of special valentines for each other, decorated special bags to hold them all, painted hearts at the easel, and worked together to make a big valentine for the school.



The Biggest Valentine "in the World"

On Friday we celebrated Valentine's Day. Thanks for helping your child make valentines for all his/her friends and teachers! Everyone placed their valentines one by one into decorated bags hung on the wall. At snack we iced, decorated, and ate heart cookies that we had mixed, rolled, and cut out earlier in the week. We ended the day singing some of the love-themed songs that Laura had taught us earlier in the week.

Despite the cold weather, the Big Bears are having fun outside in the early morning. Thanks for making sure they come to school dressed for their time in the playground.



Coming Up

We will start our shortened week talking about past U.S. Presidents and do some math and science activities with coins. Chinese New Year arrives on the 19th. We have some special activities planned around this holiday over the next two weeks. *Kunghei fatchoy* (Happiness and Prosperity)!

~~Friday, February 20 **Red Group Show and Share** (Manu, Nina, Olivia, Sabrina, Sadie, Shun, and Sonali)

~~Friday, February 27 **Blue Group Show and Share** (Avaneesh, Cate, Chien, Christopher, Estella, Kenley, Kyra, Louis)



“Goldilocks and the Bears”



“The Two Tigers”



“The Lion and the Jaguar”

~~NO SCHOOL on Monday, February 16
Teacher Professional Development Day

~~The February Scholastic Book Order
will be placed on Saturday, February 21.

Rhymes and Songs

Mail Myself to You by Woody Guthrie

I'm a-gonna wrap myself in paper,
I'm gonna daub myself with glue,
Stick some stamps on top of my head;
I'm gonna mail myself to you.

I'm a gonna tie me up in a red string,
I'm gonna tie blue ribbons too,
I'm a-gonna climb up in my mail box;
I'm gonna mail myself to you.

When you see me in your mail box,
Cut the string and let me out;
Wash the glue off my fingers,
Stick some bubble gum in my mouth.

Take me out of my wrapping paper,
Wash the stamps off my head;
Pour me full of ice cream sodies,
Put me in my nice warm bed.

Magic Penny

Love is something if you give it away,
Give it away, give it away.
Love is something if you give it away,
You end up having more.

It's just like a magic penny,
Hold it tight and you won't have any.
Lend it, spend it, and you'll have so many
They'll roll all over the floor.

HEART (Sung like BINGO)

I made a Valentine for you.
The heart shape says I love you.
H, E, A, R, T (3 times)
The heart shape says I love you