

PANDA BEAR NEWLETTER

FEBRUARY 1, 2015



OUTDOOR TIME

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As we listen to the weather conditions in other parts of the country we celebrate that we go outdoors and play!!



Books we have enjoyed with this unit:

MAMA BUILT A LITTLE NEST by Jennifer Ward

THE LITTLE WHITE OWL – TRACEY CORDEROY

OVER AND UNDER THE SNOW – KATE MESSNER



INDOOR TIME

ANIMALS THAT THRIVE IN COLD CLIMATES/
BIRDS IN WINTER/ANIMAL TRACKS



Colleen brought a special Zoo box to our Panda Bear room stocked with stuffed animals, ideas for nature discussions, books, and a collection of birds that look and sound authentic. The children learned interesting information during these past two weeks. Many children enjoyed the centers built around this interesting theme.

SAVE THE DATE:

February 13

Valentine's Day
Celebration

February 16

President's Day-
NO SCHOOL

February 21

Trivia Night for
Washington
University
Preschool
Parents



SPECIAL VISITOR IS A STAR POLICEMAN

We had the privilege of having **Sergeant Bob** come to visit us at our school. He introduced many important topics in a child friendly manner. The children were extremely comfortable in meeting and talking to Bob. A terrific part of his presentation was that he passed his handcuffs and baton/flashlight/light saver around the circle for every child to hold.

SHOW AND SHARE

Our Panda Bear Classroom is eager to officially “kick off” the Show and Share experience starting Friday, February 13th. The initial experience of bringing a stuffed animal was a success several weeks ago. Please have your child bring something that they may show to our classroom comfortably. Each child may briefly show something special and then return it to their cubby. This is a “choice” and not required (no pressure). The item must fit in their backpack. They are also welcome to share a meaningful experience with the class if they do not bring anything. In the past, we have had a very positive response to “show and share”. The children are excited to participate and share with the group.

WHAT IS COMING UP FOR OUR PANDA BEAR CLASSROOM?

Of course, we are thinking about Valentine's Day! We are focusing on being a good friend, showing empathy, and becoming more aware of others' feelings. Preschool is a crucial time for children to develop qualities such as consideration for others, conscience and a sense of right and wrong. As we move through the weeks ahead we will have many varied experiences geared toward Valentine's Day. The Panda Bears do have a classroom celebration with a special Valentine treat for the day. We do exchange valentines in our classroom. The container to hold the personal valentines will be completed in our class. As you plan to bring your child's valentines on Friday, February 13th please do not address the valentines to any specific child. Please just sign your child's name on the back of the valentine. The container will go home with your child at the end of the day. The children are free to open all of the valentines at home. We have 13 (lucky number) Panda Bears in our classroom.