



Panda Bear News

February 15, 2015

Valentine's Day activities help Pandas explore the themes of friendship, teamwork

Upcoming Dates of Note

No School:

February 16

This is a professional development day for teachers as they receive CPR and First Aid training.

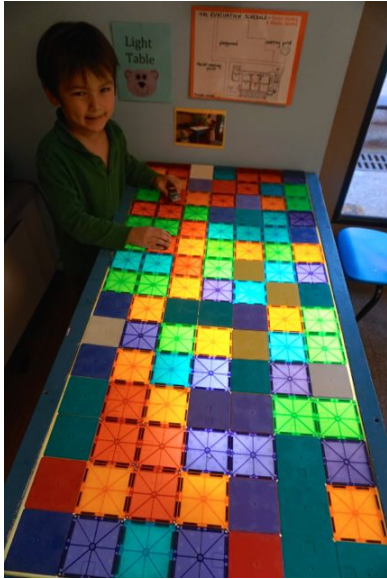
Trivia Night:

February 21

There is still time to join in this fun event. A silent auction offers items made by or featuring Panda Bears. For more information, see the home page of the website.

It was all about hearts in the Panda Bear classroom these past two weeks. Besides creating hearts with multiple art materials (fabric, play dough, coffee filters, tempera paint, tissue paper, watercolor, glue, markers and crayons), teams of children worked on making our giant mailbox (below) over several days. Our culminating activity last Friday included sharing valentines with each other and enjoying rainbow-colored cookies that the children had made the day before.





We enjoyed many books in preparation for the holiday. Some of the titles include: Will You Forgive Me?, A Splendid Friend, Indeed, A Porcupine Named Fluffy, Norma No Friends, A Color of My Own and Duck at the Door.

All of the literature helped spark discussion about what a friend is, how to be a good friend, and why friends are important.

Next week, we will be exploring the Chinese New Year. Until next time,

Colleen & Marsha