

Sun Bear Newsletter

May 2015



It was an amazing experience for our Sun Bears to observe baby chicks hatching out of their eggs, after 3 weeks of eager anticipation. They got to watch them change from wet, floppy, tired newly hatched babies to soft, fluffy, cheeping, strong, hopping, flying chicks. What a remarkable process for the kids to observe! They also enjoyed the transformation of a caterpillar growing bigger, making a chrysalis and emerging as a beautiful butterfly. It was spectacular to watch them spread their wings to flutter up into the blue skies!

Highlights

The past few weeks have been interesting, fun and exciting for our Sun Bears! They enjoyed learning about the life cycle of the butterfly through books, activities, songs and personal observation watching itty bitty caterpillars become beautiful butterflies. We even made a delicious “bananapillar” snack!

We explored color by experimenting with mixing and blending to create new colors. We used a variety of colored substances such as water, ice, paint, shaving cream, crayons and glue to observe the blending, mixing and changing of colors. The Sun Bears learned how to make a whole rainbow and beyond with just red, yellow and blue!

It was great fun to turn our room into a grand circus including rings, balls, hula hoops, stilts, a tightrope and a parachute overhead to make a colorful tent. We enjoyed a tasty popcorn snack and took a class walk on a beautiful day to visit the WU campus “castle.” You will find a drawing of the lovely castle in your child’s journal!

It was so special to have our Sun Bears’ moms, grandmothers and other family members join us last week for our class gathering. The kids were so excited to share their songs, snack, portraits of their moms, lovely vases and their written thoughts about their mothers that they had worked hard to prepare and create. They were very proud to share their classroom, activities and friends with all of you!



Photos: Sorting beads by color, mixing red/yellow/blue paint to make new colors with the marble roll, adding with a caterpillar dice game, bananpillar snack, playing with baby chicks, singing with Miss Laura, releasing the lovely butterflies and visiting the campus castle!

We enjoyed having so many special visitors last Friday! Our Sun Bears were excited to share things they love to do in our room with their families. Thank you for taking time to be part of our gathering- it was a pleasure to have such delightful guests for play, songs and snack :)

Tuesday, May 12

Family Play Date at Shaw Park

5:30 pm

Please join us for a fun gathering at the park to celebrate your child's year at WUNS! You are welcome to bring a side or dessert to share, as well as a main course for your family. We look forward to visiting with you!

Thursday, May 14

Last day of school

We wish you all a wonderful summer!!

We are very grateful to have spent this year with your delightful children! We have so enjoyed time with each of them playing games, block building, dressing up, "restaurant" dining, fire fighting, reading, singing, dancing, eating, observing, experimenting, comparing, estimating, problem solving, predicting, painting, drawing, cooking, writing, puzzling, weighing, measuring, digging, running, swinging and MUCH MUCH more!! It has been a true pleasure to teach and guide our group of Sun Bears as they have all embraced each of our themes and units with great enthusiasm, interest and curiosity. It has been such a joy to watch our bears grow and learn throughout this school year, and while it is hard to say our good byes to this special group, we know they are ready for the exciting new adventure they will have in Kindergarten. Thank you for sharing your dear children with us this year- we wish each of them and their families much happiness as they "graduate" from the nursery school and enjoy the many wonderful moments to come!