

PANDA BEAR NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 24, 2015



WELCOME TO OUR PANDA BEAR FRIENDS – GREAT BEGINNINGS

THE PANDA BEAR CLASS IS OFF TO A TERRIFIC START! WE HAVE A SMALL AND FANTASTIC GROUP OF CHILDREN. ALWAYS BUSY, THE CHILDREN USE EVERY INCH OF THE CLASSROOM AND PLAYGROUND! THEY RIDE BIKES AND TRICYCLES AROUND THE TRACK. THEY TUNNEL IN THE SAND, TAKE TURNS ON THE SWING, CLIMB AND SLIDE ON THE CLIMBERS, PLAY BASEBALL, AND PLAY WITH FRIENDS IN THE OUT DOOR HOUSE. FORTUNATELY, THE WEATHER HAS BEEN SO BEAUTIFUL THAT WE TURN THE HOSE ON DAILY FOR WATER PLAY IN THE TROUGH.





GETTING TO KNOW YOU AND INDOOR PLAY

The Panda Bear room is bustling with activity during our free choice time. The trains are popular with the children building a circular track in the center of the room. They may create bridges, ramps, or other interesting structures to add drama to the play. The small number of children has so many advantages for everyone. Everyone is included in group play. We are extremely proud of the positive relationships that have formed in our afternoon group. Children spontaneously invite class members into play. The kitchen area, manipulatives, sensory, art, books and play-doh are popular areas that many children visit during our indoor time.

Our themes vary weekly in our class. The first full week of school we incorporated the theme of **FAMILIES AND MYSELF**. We enjoyed marble painting on a cut out house. The children thought about the color and form of their house. This week is an exciting week bringing the topic of **PANDA BEARS** into our curriculum. Animal topics seem to provide open opportunities for children to play and work together. Chona brought in some whimsical BABOO leaves to our classroom to compliment this unit. The bamboo plants added beautiful color and excitement to our classroom. The highlight was painting with the plants. We all appreciate looking at everyone's bamboo masterpiece. We are working on some application to the pictures that will preserve them just as they are (any successful ideas you may have to share with us would be greatly appreciated about preservation of plants in an art project).

Next week we are talking about **TRAINS**! We will be bringing in our popular train table that is housed in Classroom #4. It is such a treat to have the train table visit us for a full week in our classroom. We will also be making our own classroom train out of big boxes! An exciting week is in the works!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

FAMILY PLAY DATE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th

Time to order those beautiful mums to decorate your home before winter sets in. Please check out the information on our website: nurseryschool.wustl.edu

SCHOOL PHOTOS: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

FIRE SAFETY WEEK: MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8th

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH - NO SCHOOL

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL PANDA BEAR FAMILIES! WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT AND EXCITEMENT CONCERNING OUR SCHOOL PROGRAM.

HAVE A SAFE AND FUN WEEKEND!

MARSHA AND CHONA

