

# Sun Bear Newsletter



The last two and a half weeks have flown by quickly, so this newsletter is a great place to take a breath, reflect and celebrate your children. The week of November 15, Sun Bears learned about backyard animals, and thanks to a helpful “Zoo Box” from the St. Louis Zoo’s education department, children were able to hear a variety of Missouri birdcalls. We also learned about raccoons, owls, and squirrels, enjoying the following books with those animals as central characters: Mama Built a Little Nest, Raccoon and Badger, Owl Moon and Nuts to You. At the end of the week, Sun Bears were very excited to celebrate “Dads, Granddads and Special Friends Day,” sharing a small wooden treasure box that they painted (see above) and wrapped.



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We hope that the Thanksgiving-related activities of last week helped Sun Bears begin to recognize people and things in their lives for which to be grateful. We teachers are certainly grateful to watch your children thrive at WUNS. Each Sun Bear has grown so much already, and it is only December!

Someone else we appreciate? Dr. Seuss! His words and creativity were our focus this week. His books, The Cat in the Hat, The Foot Book, One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish, Green Eggs and Ham, and How the Grinch Stole Christmas, provided a rich background for activities in our art, writing and science areas. One of their favorite activities, for example, was cutting out outlines of their left and right feet and then measuring them with Unifix cubes. They also enjoyed creating a paper plate collage with their own version of green eggs and ham, and then balancing it like "Sam-I-am." The adventures of the Grinch capped off our week, providing a nice transition to next week's holiday themes.



REMINDER: The last day of classes before Winter Break is Wednesday, December 16.  
Classes resume Tuesday, January 5.

*Until next time, Colleen & Katie*