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# Bear Cub Newsletter

Washington University Nursery School

## Welcome Back!

Hope you had a wonderful winter break and Happy New Year! We missed our Bear Cubs! They returned excited to see their friends and get back to work. We began "Show and Share" every Friday. Each Bear Cub may bring an item from home to share with the class. They may also share a story or event verbally. This activity is completely optional. The children have done a wonderful job sharing and being an attentive audience. We hope to promote these important communication skills.



## Winter has arrived!

As the temperatures have turned colder, we have spent more time exploring inside our classroom and making visits to the movement room. We hope to get outside as often as possible if the temperatures are warm enough. Please send your child to school with labeled hats, gloves or mittens, and a warm coat.

### Save the Date!

#### Show & Share Fridays

Students may bring one item to share with the class.

#### MLK Day January 18

No School  
~ Enjoy your day!

#### Magic House February 10

WUNS Night at the Magic House  
~New Date!



# CASTLES



After returning from break, we jumped right in the wonderful world of CASTLES! Did you know a castle could be built from just about anything? We used small and large wooden blocks, magnet tiles, a giant cardboard box, paper, and Legos. It's fun to pretend to be a king, queen, princess, or knight. After painting and decorating our cozy castle, it was fun to sit inside and relax.



Not only did we create castles inside the Bear Cub room, we also created sand castles outside. We have learned that wet sand is perfect for building beautiful castles. Adding decorative sticks and ribbons really made our castle creation special! Ask your child what materials they can use around the house to build a castle.



# DINOSAURS

Bear Cubs went back in time to age of dinosaurs. These amazing prehistoric creatures really captured our attention. We talked about a variety of dinosaurs, including meat and plant eaters. We painted a footprint that was about the size of a T-Rex's footprint. It was huge! It's hard to imagine how giant these awesome creatures were!



*Children searched for dinosaurs inside a sensory tub. Using paintbrushes, we cleaned the sand off "fossils" like real paleontologists!*



*Waller uses dot markers to color an Apatosaurus!*



*Abigail shows off her Dino-Tail!*



*Sam enjoys a Triceratops!*



*Adelaide explores dinosaurs!*

I Want to be a Great Big Dinosaur!

I want to be a Great Big Dinosaur!  
That is what I really want to be!  
For if I was a Great Big Dinosaur,  
Everyone would run away from me...  
ROAR!!!!