

PANDA BEAR NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO OUR PANDA BEAR PARENTS,

HAPPY NEW YEAR FOR 2016!! THE PANDA BEAR CLASS IS OFF TO A TERRIFIC START FOR 2016! Our Panda Bear class continues to grow with three new friends joining us. We extend a warm welcome to Claire Osei, Danielle Roh, and Ivan Ryazanov. We are always excited to include new children in our classroom.

OUTDOOR PLAY

Always busy, the children use every inch of the classroom and playground! Outside, the children ride bikes and tricycles around the track, dig tunnels and castles in the sand, take turns on the swing, climb and slide on the climbers, and play fast running games with the trucks around the track. We do our best to get outdoors daily, despite the colder temperatures. Please make certain your child has the appropriate outdoor gear to be comfortable in the colder temperatures.



BIRDS IN WINTER

We really enjoyed our BIRDS IN WINTER unit. Some of the interesting and entertaining books we read to compliment our bird activities included:

BRING ON THE BIRDS – by Susan Stockdale

I SPY IN THE SKY – by Edward Gibbs

NEST – by Jorey Hurley

A BIRD IS A BIRD – by Lizzy Rockwell

We also made bird feeders with pine cones, peanut butter and bird seed.



LET'S MAKE SENSE OF THIS

It was exciting to explore our five senses this past week. We incorporated various art projects and discussions related to the five senses. The children enjoyed smelling a variety of spices, hearing musical sounds, touching cloths of different textures, and identifying various objects by sight. The children also tasted sweet and sour foods, such as jello and lemons.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ☆ February 10th- WU Family Night at Magic House
- ☆ February 11th- Valentine's Day Celebrations
- ☆ February 12th- NO SCHOOL (Professional Development Day)
- ☆ February 15th- NO SCHOOL (Presidents' Day)

This week, we will be learning about snow and ice. We have planned some fascinating experiments related to snow and ice. BRRRR! Have a great week!

Best,

Marsha and Chona