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Sun Bear Newsletter

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Dinosaurs and Bald Eagles

These last two weeks in the Sun Bear classroom have taken us from prehistoric times to patriotic symbols. The week of January 18, children learned more about the fascinating dinosaur. We finger-painted a “life-size” dino footprint and, after it dried, placed our own shoes on it for a size comparison. We also made play-doh dino sculptures, a dinosaur tail that Sun Bears loved to wear, and a dinosaur tooth necklace. And we can’t forget everyone’s-favorite-explosion: a volcano made with vinegar and baking soda. Fun books included Edwina, the Dinosaur Who Didn’t Know She Was Extinct, Stomp Dinosaur Stomp, and Gus, The Dinosaur Bus.



Important Dates

Magic House February 10, 2016

This evening event at the Magic House is always a hit—the museum is open just for WUNS families.

Valentine’s Day February 11, 2016

Each classroom holds different holiday activities—details will be coming home soon.

No School February 12, 15

There will be no school on February 12 (A professional development day) and February 15 (President’s Day).



The week of January 25, we explored the majestic bald eagle. A few Sun Bear children had recently attended the Missouri Department of Conservation's Eagle Days with their families, so we jumped on the chance to expand all the children's understanding of this symbol of our country.

Besides creating the true-to-life-size eagle with paper feathers and glue, we painted eagle's heads with palm prints, and made eagle's nests out of clay and sticks.

The bald eagle led us to learn more about money, as the eagle can be found on several forms of American currency. The children made some fake money, featuring a photo of themselves in the center. They also sorted pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and foreign coins. And did some of the grungy pennies get a nice shine when we cleaned them in a solution of vinegar and salt!

Although there are not that many children's fiction books with bald eagles as the main character, we had some fun with a homegrown tale, "Baldy, the Bashful Bald Eagle." Ask your Sun Bear how he or she decided to end the story after hearing a chapter each day this week.

Next up on the Sun Bear curriculum? Castles one week followed by China and its New Year.

*Until next
time,
Miss Katie &
Miss Colleen*

