



# SUN BEAR NEWS

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NURSERY SCHOOL



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## THE CLASSROOM IS ALIVE!



Our caterpillars grow  
each day and will  
soon form their  
chrysalises.



Play-doh caterpillars

It only took 21 days, 210 “When will they hatch?” inquiries and 2100 peeks inside the incubator. The Sun Bears’ curiosity was finally rewarded with the arrival of 14 cute, fluffy, chirping critters this week. The little chicks weren’t very fluffy or perky just breaking out of their shells, but they soon dried off, tried out their legs, and started to eat, drink and huddle. The Sun Bears think that the chicks really enjoy story time—when Miss Katie or Miss Colleen reads, their peeping picks up speed and volume. Maybe they are putting in their requests.

In addition to these new additions, we are also watching our caterpillars. Sun Bears have learned about the life cycle that is playing out before their eyes: egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, butterfly. We enjoyed art and math activities that featured each stage of the cycle. Before the end of the year, we look forward to releasing the butterflies in the Butterfly Garden on campus.



## Sun Bears Are Blooming, Too

At this time of year, with spring conferences over and the end of the semester approaching, we teachers love to reflect on the growth of the Sun Bears. Yes, most have outgrown a shoe or two, and shirts from the fall are hanging short in the spring. But another kind of growth, which teachers are privileged to see, is the maturity and readiness for kindergarten and beyond. Each child has contributed to making our classroom a special, creative, enthusiastic learning community.

At WUNS, we know and respect that children develop on their own unique timetable. What we have experienced with EVERY child, however, is progress emotionally, socially, mentally and, of course, physically. The months since September have flown by. We'll have one more newsletter to wrap up the year and keep you up to date on the adventures of the next three weeks.



"Robo-Knight"  
created and  
named by the  
Sun Bears

*Until next time,*

*Miss Katie &*

*Miss Colleen*