



SUN BEARS EXPLORE THEIR FIVE SENSES WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28 – DECEMBER 2

The Sun Bears had many chances to see, hear, smell, taste and touch in the centers this week. Whether observing their eye color in mirrors and coloring them on an eye template, creating a collage of materials with different textures, smelling cotton balls dipped in several familiar scents, tasting a sweet/salty/sour snack, or listening to animal sounds and trying to guess the animal, the children loved the chance to play games and experience their “sense”-sational world.

UPCOMING DATES:

- 12/20 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE WINTER RECESS
- 1/4/17 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IN 2017
- 1/15/17 NO SCHOOL; MLK HOLIDAY
- 2/9/17 FAMILY NIGHT AT THE MAGIC HOUSE

We also started a new “job of the week”—journalist. It is this Sun Bear’s responsibility to learn how to use the digital camera in the classroom and record his/her favorite moments. Last week, Leon was the first to handle the camera, and he captured the images below. Great job, Leon! From time to time we will share other children’s perspectives on what they find memorable about their day.



HOLIDAYS: TIME FOR FAMILY AND FUN

IF YOU HAVE A SPECIAL FAMILY TRADITION YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH THE SUN BEAR CLASS, WE WELCOME PARENTS TO COME AND DESCRIBE OR RE-ENACT IT WITH THE CHILDREN ON DEC. 19 OR 20. NO PRESSURE—WE KNOW THIS IS A BUSY TIME OF YEAR. LET KATIE OR COLLEEN KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

Lots of art, writing and building activities are underway in the Sun Bear classroom as the holiday season approaches. With the cold snap, we have spent more time indoors, drawing, cutting, gluing, decorating, and building. We are reading books that highlight the season, like Gingerbread Baby, McDuff's Christmas and Mrs. Toggler's Zipper. The Sun Bears are growing in their ability to listen and enjoy longer stories.



*Until next time,
Miss Colleen & Miss Katie*