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Panda Bear News

Washington University Nursery School

We learn
through play.



Classroom Happenings

We have a new Panda Bear, Ben Schreiber, who has joined our class last week. Ben moved to St. Louis with his parents, Dan and Katie and younger brother, Henry. In just short time, Ben has acclimated quickly to his new school, the routine, new friends and teachers.

Last week, we talked about the Cold Winter Weather. The children made individual snowman, played with shaving cream on the art table, painted a snow scene with marbles and golf balls, and made a winter collage out of colored pasta.

Important Upcoming Dates

Magic House Night

February 9

Gallery Night

February 11
Knight Center at
7:00.

Valentine's Day Party

February 14

We will have our class
party, exchange cards,
and eat a special snack.

Staff Dev. Day

February 17

No School

President's Day-

February 20

No School

Developmental Skills Children Practiced

During the last full week of January, we learned about Chinese New Year. Before winter vacation, Ming, Jason's mom, shared their family tradition of Chinese New Year. She prepared dumplings and showed the class a video of the New Year's celebration in China.

In our class, the children learned to say Happy New Year, *Xin Nian Kuai Le*, learned that it is the year of the Rooster, and the special food and customs during the fifteen-day celebration. We made rooster masks, dragons made from egg cartons, and paper lanterns. We ended our week with a feast of noodles, dumplings, sweet rice cakes, and red envelopes filled with chocolate gold coins.

Books and Songs

Books:

Snowflakes Fall (MacLachlan)

Sadie and the Snowman (Morgan)

Bringing the New Year (Lin)

Happy Belly, Happy Smile (Isadora)

Songs:

"Mr. Sun, Mr. Golden Sun"

"If All of the Snowflakes"

"Three Little Snowmen"

"Thanks A Lot"

Thank you for the delicious Panda Bear luncheon for the teachers! We and our Work Study students appreciated your time and thoughtfulness. We all thoroughly enjoyed the meal!

