



## SUN BEARS: IN MOTION WITH THE OCEAN

Although in Missouri we have no chance for a field trip to the ocean, our theme gave Sun Bears plenty of chances to explore its beauty and discover facts about the interesting creatures that live there.

### UPCOMING DATES:

Spring Break:

March 20 – 24

WUNS Family  
Play Date:

April 6

3:15 – 5:00 pm



The children created their own unique “ocean diorama.” This was a several day project that helped build fine motor skills and the emotional muscles of patience and persistence. We started by painting shoeboxes with shades of blue and white. The next day, Sun Bears added a layer of sand (compliments of our playground). They twisted green tissue paper into seaweed shapes. A small wooden box transformed into a pirate treasure chest with the help of watercolor and Mardi Gras beads cut into pieces. A wad of playdoh and colorful toothpicks became a sea urchin to add to the scene. And finally, the children glued some miniature starfish, shells and an oyster or two (pistachio shells with a pearl bead added). They are so eager to bring their dioramas home, but we want to display them for a while.





Our bulletin board for Sun Bears is currently a delightful mural filled with octopi, starfish, seaweed, jellyfish, and “confetti” fish. The children loved adding sea life that they created to make the ocean come alive. They also were surprised to see just how big different whales are. We took a short hike to the campus’ Mudd Field and measured out several different whales. Sun Bears then ran the “length” of a blue whale, about 75 feet. Whew!

We wish all our families a wonderful Spring Break!

*Until next time,  
Miss Katie and Miss Colleen*