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Panda Bear News

Washington University Nursery School

Classroom Happenings

AN EXCITING BEGINNING



We learn through play.

Our philosophy is that children learn most effectively through play. We support and encourage each child's unique social, emotional and intellectual development in a nurturing, hands-on and safe classroom environment.

Our Panda Bear class is off to a terrific start to the new school year 2017-2018. We have been enjoying our extended periods of outdoor time, especially since we have been running the trough daily. The children have been working hard to build rivers and castles in the sand.

The children have also spent time exploring bubbles with various wands outside. They enjoy running to chase the bubbles as they blow away into the sky.

We have witness various children offer kindness and support to a friend when he/she tries a new skill, such as climbing to the top spot on the circular climbing unit.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, September 27th – 3:15-5:00 p.m. Family Playdate on the WUNS playground

Thursday, October 5th – Picture day for each child and classroom

Saturday, October 14th – WUNS Open House – please join us to visit classrooms, play, converse with staff and parents, and play on the playground. Refreshments will be served!

MORE NEWS FROM THE PANDA BEAR CLASSROOM



Thank you for sending beautiful pictures of your families. We enjoy looking at them on display in our classroom. Our theme the first week of school was ALL ABOUT ME! The children were given an opportunity to share something special about themselves at circle. Many children also explored the art table and decorated a paper plate with different colors of yarn for hair, as well as different shaped lips and eye colors. You will have the opportunity to appreciate these personal creations at our Open House coming up in October. In addition, we used finger paint to transfer each child's handprint to paper. We created a board with these handprints, which is extremely colorful and interesting to view. We will be continuing our discussion of FAMILIES this week in our classroom.

The subject of FRIENDSHIP dominated our theme last week. We specifically focused on highlighting kind and supportive behaviors between friends. It is important for children to learn how to interact with their friends in a positive manner. Learning how to regulate their emotions is a key component of building positive friendships.

Books and Songs We Have Enjoyed

BOOKS WE HAVE READ:

Rainbow Fish

Goldilocks and the Three Bears

The Rat and the Tiger

Little Blue and Little Yellow

Ira Sleeps Over

Corduroy Goes to School

A Splendid Friend Indeed

SONGS WE LOVE:

A Ram Sam Sam

Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

Where is Thumbkin

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star