



Big Bear News

School Year
2017 - 2018

Important Dates

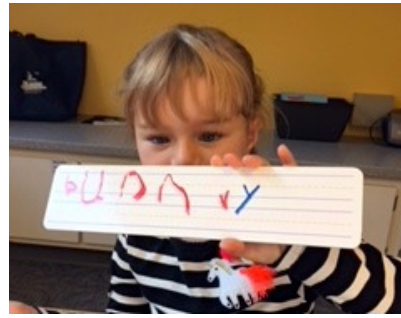
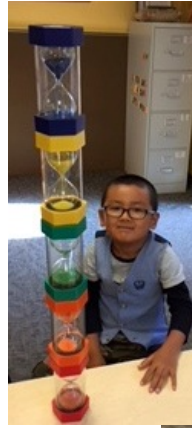
Monday, 10.9.17:
School Photos

Friday, 10.13.17:
Professional
Development Day,
NO SCHOOL

Saturday, 10.14.17:
OPEN HOUSE (Stop
by anytime between
11:30 am – 1:30 pm)

Thursday and Friday,
10.26 & 10.27.17:
Parent/Teacher
Conferences

Tuesday, 10.31.17:
Halloween Celebration



Washington University Nursery School

What's happening in the classroom?

We have been spending these last two weeks learning all about our Big Bear families! We began our unit by taking a "field trip" to the WU post office to mail our handwritten letters to family, describing how Big Bears are feeling about the new school year. We met a WU postal worker who sold us stamps and showed us just where to deliver our mail.

In the classroom we have been graphing information about Big Bear families, such as how many brothers and sisters Big Bears have, how many members are in each Big Bear family, and which pets are family members too. Those special family photos you sent in have inspired Big Bears to practice writing family words and aided the children when filling out class graphs. We have created family homes in the art center as well as dream pets. With unique additions to our housekeeping and block areas, such as little people and strollers, the children have been extending our family theme through pretend play.

Spotlight on family-themed Big Bear books:

The Adventures of Bumblebee Boy by David Soman & Jacky Davis

Templeton Gets His Way by Greg Pizzoli

The Family Book by Todd Parr

The Grandma Book by Todd Parr.....and his many other family-themed books

Love You Forever by Robert Munsch

My Dog is as Smelly as Dirty Socks by Hanoch Piven

Good Boy Fergus by David Shannon

Did you know that Big Bears have BIG jobs this year? Big Bears have the opportunity to not only be line leader, but also meteorologist, electrician, bellhop, snack helper, bellringer, and attendance keeper among other responsible positions. As we work hard to implement routines and responsibilities for our Big Bears, we strive to foster independence, kindness, and cooperation. The Big Bears are off to a great start!

Love,
Ms. Suzy & Ms. Heather

Big Bear Poem:

"I'm as (blank) as a (blank)":
Inspired by "My Dog Is As Smelly As Dirty Socks"

Miles is as silly as a Clown (a blah-blah).

Harry is as strong as a Dinosaur.

Henry S. is as strong as a Rocket Ship.

Simon is as strong as a Hammer.

Ryan is as silly as a Rhino.

Ethan is as strong a Strongman.

Ben is as strong as a strong, powerful Shovel.

Quinn is as strong as a Hammer.

Henry is as climby as a Koala.

Tilly is as strong as a Hammer.

Cossette is as tall as Mommy.

Ivan is as fast as an Amtrak Train.

Christian is as strong as the Hulk.

Wren is as fast as a dolphin and a dinosaur.

Kinsley is as sweet as a pineapple.

Amber is as strong as a dinosaur.

Leo is as silly as a clown.

Cat is as cat as a cat.

Pooja is as strong as a hard ball.

Cora is as smart as a Queen.