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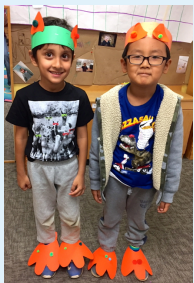
Sun Bears

*We believe in learning
through play.*



October 27

SCHOOL YEAR 2017 - 2018



Upcoming Important Dates:

Halloween Celebration:
October 31, 2:15 – 3:15 pm

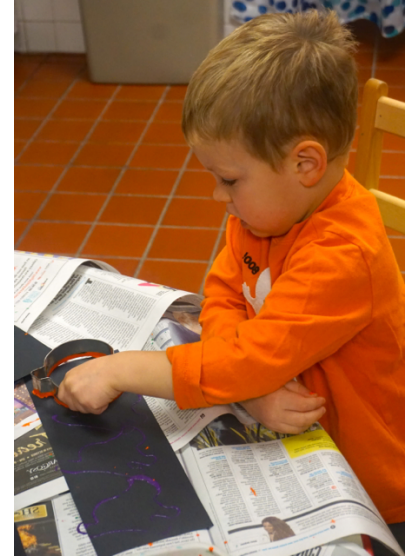
Day for Dads, Granddads:
November 17, 2:15 – 3:15

BACKYARD ANIMALS

During the week of October 16, our theme was “Backyard Animals.” With the help of an educational case from our St. Louis Zoo, Sun Bears had opportunities to learn about birds, raccoons, owls and squirrels. Besides furry puppets of each, we enjoyed books, plastic molds of the animal’s tracks, and stamps that depicted a variety of animals found in people’s backyards. Each day focused on doing projects relating to an animal. For example, we painted with feathers and strung and hung cheerio feeders on “bird” day. On “owl” day, we created flying owls out of paper plates and read Owl Moon by Jane Yolen. This particular class of Sun Bears is crazy about animals, and we were glad to extend this interest.

A big thanks to Tracy Reynolds Watson, mom to Benjamin and Zach, who came and read a delightful book, Quackers. With the help of the twin’s older brother, Adam, and dad, Mr. Mark, Miss Tracy captured everyone’s attention with a story about a cat that thought he was a duck. A craft followed, and several Sun Bears sported cat ears and duck feet on the way home.

ALL THINGS HALLOWEEN



What a fun Halloween-prep week we have had! A big pumpkin turned into a Jack-o-Lantern when several Sun Bears sketched ideas for what the face should look like. Simon's design was voted the winner, and Miss Katie and a team created our 18th "Sun Bear," ears and all. (We also roasted the seeds and snacked on them.) Children had the chance to decorate pumpkin puppets and dramatize the song, "Five Little Pumpkins." We did chalk drawings on black cat outlines, colored haunted houses (complete with ghosts made of Kleenex), and used themed stencils to stamp Halloween pictures.

We will have our celebration next Tuesday, October 31, from 2:15 pm – 3:15 pm. If you are able to attend, you are welcome to come at 2:15 to help your child get dressed in his/her costume (please send it in a bag, labeled with his/her name). We will sing a few songs, have a parade, and eat a special snack.

By the time you read this newsletter, we will have had our parent/teacher conferences. Thank you so much for your thoughts and insights. We appreciate your time and support.

Until next time, Miss Colleen & Miss Katie