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# Panda Bear News

Washington University Nursery School

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.



## Classroom Happenings

During our first week back from Thanksgiving holiday, the Pandas created art work from fall materials. The children painted pinecones with white paint and then sprinkled silver glitter on top. Another art activity involved the use of plastic scrapers to paint red, green, brown, and orange paint on white paper. A fall wreath was composed by using acorns and caps, pine needles, and small pinecones. Lastly, the children painted with the tops/stems of old Halloween pumpkins in fall colors.



## Important Upcoming Dates

**Winter Break**  
**Dec. 20-Jan. 3**  
Happy Holidays!

**First Day Back**  
**January 4, 2018**  
Happy New Year!

**MLK, Jr. Day**  
**January 15, 2018**  
No School

## Developmental Skills Children Practiced

When the children use writing and painting materials that include markers, pencils, crayons, paintbrushes, and scissors, it helps develop fine motor control. It is an important part of our daily curriculum in the Panda Bear class.

This week, the children used their small motor coordination when they made Marsha's delicious biscuits. The children rolled out and kneaded the dough, shaped a piece with a round cookie cutter, and then brushed the dough with whipping cream.

Other activities were when the children used scissors, cut tape and then stuck it on paper as part of creating a picture and using a template to trace leaves.

Coming up next week, the theme will be TRAINS.

## Books, Songs We Enjoyed

**BOOKS:** In The Rain With Baby Duck (Hest), Let's Go Home, Little Bear (Waddell), Bear Wants More (Wilson), The Very Noisy Night (Hendry)

**SONGS:** "Gray Squirrel," "I Had A Little Frog," "One Elephant On A Spider Web," "A Ram Sam Sam," "Popcorn."

With the holidays coming up, we would like to extend an invitation to you to come and share your special holiday tradition with our class. Please let us know if you are interested.

Thank you for attending our Donuts with Dads event. The children loved sharing their school with you!

Thank you for the delicious teacher luncheon. It was enjoyed by everyone!

*Much Love, Chona and Marsha*

