



Washington University
Nursery School

Sun Bears

*We believe in learning
through play.*



December 15, 2017

SCHOOL YEAR 2017 - 2018



Upcoming Important Dates:

**Last day of school before
Winter Break: 12/19/17**

**First day back after
Winter Break: 1/4/18**

**NO SCHOOL: Monday,
1/15/18, Dr. Martin Luther
King, Jr. Day**

The Sun Bear classroom continues to hum with creative energy. During the week of December 4, we explored the theme of castles. Over several days, the children built and decorated a "Sun Bear Castle." The first day was devoted to assembling boxes of different shapes and sizes. Miss Colleen controlled the glue, but a team of budding architects decided where the various pieces of recycled cardboard should go. The next day was painting day, and most of the children chose to transform the structure into a grayish, blackish building. The third and fourth days were for decorating, when accent paint, banners and torches were added. The last day of the week? Sun Bears got out figures of people and animals to extend their imaginary play. This project helped the children with their patience and persistence. Neither Rome nor Castles are built in a day, but it is worth a sustained effort to create something magical.



During the week of December 11, Sun Bears immersed themselves in holiday projects. Each child worked hard to create and wrap a special gift for mom and dad. At the end of the week, the afternoon classes were treated to a holiday music concert, thanks to Amber's mom and Ryan's mom. The duet performed several favorites, including "Jingle Bells," "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," and "Walking in a Winter Wonderland." The children were a great audience, listening politely and applauding after each song.



Whether Sun Bears are indoors or outside, they bring their enthusiasm, energy and unique stamp to all the activities offered. We teachers love to see a spontaneous turn that happens when children play together. It could be a sudden game of "Duck, duck, goose" with the Panda Bears and student workers. We might notice two children who haven't yet interacted much this year suddenly build a tower together. Or a sign-making blitz after a journal write where everyone wants to wave a sign that says, "No Monsters Allowed," followed by another wave of signs that say, "Yes Monsters Allowed."



It's never a dull moment in the Sun Bear class—thank you for supporting our efforts during this holiday season, and may 2018 be filled with as much creative joy as 2017!

*Until next time,
Miss Katie and Miss Colleen*