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Panda Bear News

Washington University Nursery School
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Classroom Happenings

We Learn Through Play

Young children seem to be irresistibly drawn to music. It is a form of communication, a means of creative expression, and an emotional outlet. We welcomed our dear music teacher, Robert, back to our school for a visit twice a month for each class. He introduced himself to the children strumming on a Banjo.



In addition, he invited each child to sing his/her favorite song (solo). Everyone had a blast with Robert! The class was so much FUN!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We all arrived back at school in early January eager to jump into play with our friends and teachers. We experienced some record freezing temperatures. Our outdoor time was frozen (we could not take our play outside). Our larger room (classroom #5) provided space to jump and spread our wings to move about freely.

The Panda Bear class included a **WINTER** introduction by using their imagination to create beautiful **WINTER** scenes. We painted beautiful, puffy clouds with shaving cream and glue. On the coldest day we used ice cubes floating in bright paint as a tool on the paper to make colorful designs.

We filled our days last week bringing our **FEELINGS** and our **EMOTIONS** into our curriculum. The children used different faces to discuss their feelings on activities. We included HAPPY, SAD, GRUMPY, SCARED, SURPRISED and SILLY.





MORE NEWS FROM THE PANDA BEAR CLASSROOM

On Friday (January 19th), can you believe it (?) we had to celebrate the warm weather! During our outdoor playtime we brought out some fresh bubbles and wands. Many children participated in the bubble blowing activity. The children were running, jumping and catching the bubbles as the bubbles floated in the warmer air. The activity was a perfect way to end the week!

READING SELECTIONS DURING CIRCLE TIME (BOOKS WE LOVED):

SLEEP BIG BEAR SLEEP (Maureen Wright)
WHAT PET TO GET (Emma Dodd)
SNOW DAY, SNOW PLAY (Jenne Abramowitz)
LOVE AND KISSES (Sarah Wilson)
DUCK/RABBIT (Amy Kraus Rosenthal)
SILLY SALLY (Audrey Wood)

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!!

February
February 14 (Tuesday)
 Valentine’s Day celebrations

February 15 (Thursday)
 *Family Night at the Magic House

February 16 (Friday)
 NO SCHOOL–Professional Development Day

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February 19 (Monday)
 NO SCHOOL–President’s Day

COMING UP THIS WEEK:

We will be talking about **FAIRYTALES** in our Panda Bear classroom this week!