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Panda Bear News

Washington University Nursery School



Classroom Happenings

Last week, our theme was castles. The children painted a shoe box, empty paper towel rolls, and an empty box of tissues gray to make a castle. Flags were added as well characters made of cut-outs of kings, queens, princesses, knights, and even a jester. They were then glued them onto popsicle sticks. The Pandas loved making their own crown with special jewels and beads as well. Lastly, the children prepared scones for the "Queen of Hearts" by rolling and kneading the dough. They were delicious!

This week, the Panda Bears started getting ready for Valentine's Day. They decorated their own large envelopes with pink, purple, and red paint by using heart-shaped cookie cutters. The classroom was decorated with an assortment of hearts including heart doilies, ones with stickers and others that were painted in Valentine's Day colors.



Important Dates

Valentine's Day, February 14th

Valentine's Day celebration, card exchange and special

Magic House February 15 at 6:00-8:00

Please come and enjoy an evening at Magic House.

Staff Development, No School on February 16.

President's Day, No School on February 19



Developmental Skills Children Practiced

In past two weeks, there has been much interest in playing board games, Chutes and Ladder and Candy Land. As the children play, they learn the rules of the game, about competition, fair play, and values as well as basic math concepts.

Another activity enjoyed by the Pandas is working on floor puzzles. Puzzles not only expand social skills, but also assist students with the development of their fine motor skills, eye-hand coordination, and problem solving.

Books and Songs

Books: King Jack and the Dragon (Bently), Today I'll be a Princess (Croyle), I Am So Brave by (Krensky), Happy Valentine's Day Mouse! (Numeroff), Four Valentine's in a Rainstorm (Bond)

Songs: "Mail Myself to You," by Woody Guthrie, "I Love You," by Barney, "Valentine Bug," "Make New Friends," and "Skidamarink."

Coming up next week, we will be talking about the Olympics.

*Much Love,
Marsha and Chona*

