



# BIG BEAR NEWS



WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY NURSERY SCHOOL  
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Dear Wonderful Big Bear Families,

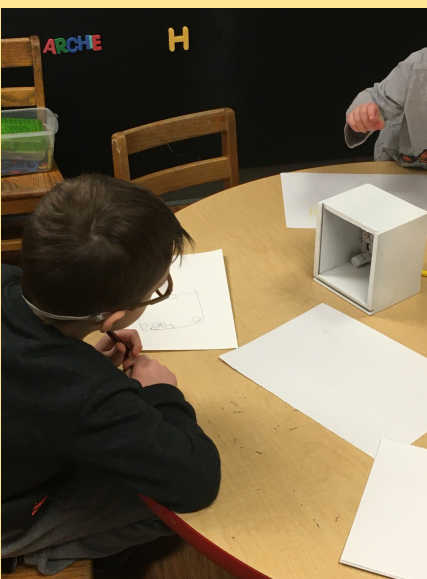
With the exception of Valentine's week, Big Bears have been exploring the ABCs and 123s this month. Each day is devoted to a letter of the alphabet and a certain number. The children are completing individual ABC books and number books. Each day they understand that they are responsible for visiting the writing center and completing the day's letter page. Every page requires them to practice writing both the upper case and lower case letter, brainstorming a word that begins with the day's letter (Big Bear friend names are popular!), and drawing a picture to illustrate their chosen word. Ms. Suzy or Ms. Heather assists the children in the writing center and thus is able to encourage, brainstorm, and extend each and every Big Bear. At circle the children enjoy creating the letter of the day with their own bodies (see picture). They also enjoy listening to a teacher read original/silly/sophisticated ABC books or books whose characters begin with the day's special letter.

Each center is inspired by the letter of the day....playing with Bears on B day, Drawing in art on D day, Extra Estimation on E day, painting with Feathers on F day etc. Even at snack the children have had the opportunity to create letters by getting to "play with their food" ~ make letters with pretzel sticks, goldfish, and raisins.

As we continue to work and play with the Big Bears for the remainder of the year, we are keeping an eye on the future. Thus we expect the children to continue building their kindergarten readiness skills--independently completing their morning and classroom job responsibilities, practicing greater self-control and greater focus during teacher-directed circle time, using manners during snack, and making more smooth transitions between activities. Thank you for reinforcing our efforts at home, and also insuring that your children are getting the proper sleep and nutrition so that they can bring their best to WUNS!

Love,  
Heather & Suzy :)





Love,  
Ms. Heather & Ms. Suzy :)