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SUN BEAR NEWS

Washington University Nursery School

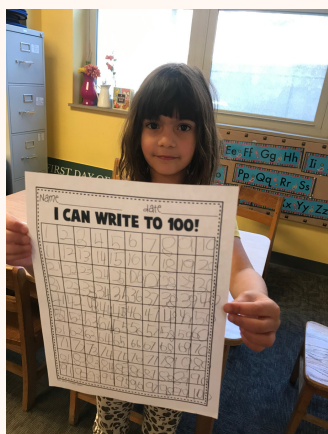
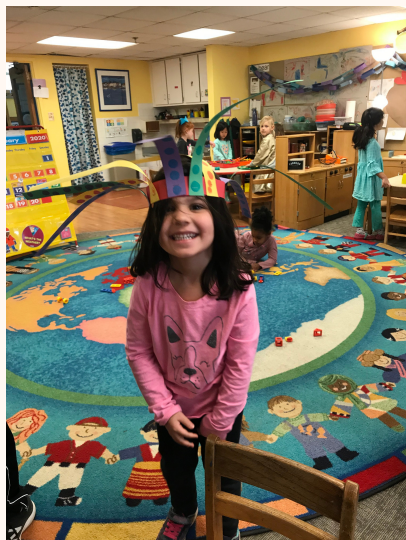


CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Did your Sun Bear share about our 100th Day of School celebration? We hope so. The week leading up to the special day, February 24, was filled with activities at the various centers that deepened the children's understanding of the number, 100.

We made a circle of colorful handprints (5 fingers times 20 Sun Bears = 100). We made crowns with 10 strips with 10 dots on each (100). We collaged a paper quilt with 25 squares divided into 4 triangles (100). Sun Bears brought in their 100 "collections"--we enjoyed seeing what 100 legos, 100 crayons, 100 black beans, 100 grains of rice, 100 stickers, 100 unifix cubes, 100 pompoms, 100 pieces of pasta--you get the idea--looked like. Creating the number 100 with playdoh and learning to write all the numbers between 1 and 100 were also choices at the centers.

We added to our Sun Bear class books with "I Wish I Had A 100...." Another regular activity has been counting our days of school with popsicle sticks, bundling groups of 10, and singing the "Bundle, bundle, bundle" song. On February 24, we sang the song with a little more oomph (if that is even possible!).

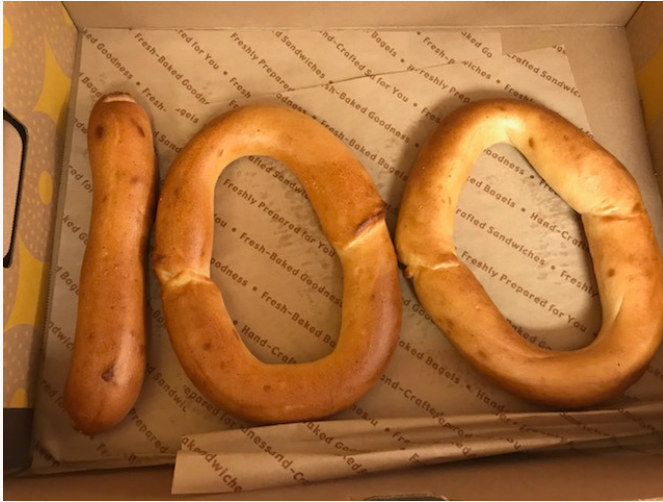


IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

Gallery Day/Night: Feb. 29

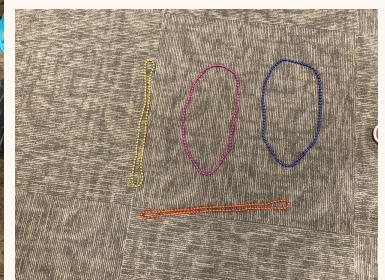
Spring break March 16 - 20
NO SCHOOL

Teacher Conference Prep Day:
April 10, NO SCHOOL



This week started with a "100th Day of School" party which included finding 100 pennies and 100 blocks hidden in the room, drawing a self-portrait of how Sun Bears would look at 100 years old, wearing the 100 crowns, and a special 100 bagel, thanks to Einsteins.

The rest of the week was spent exploring classic tales like *The Three Little Pigs*, *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, and *The Little Red Hen*. Taking a look at different versions of each story helped Sun Bears compare and contrast, a great skill that deepens comprehension. Using puppets in the dramatic play area allowed the children to put their own creative stamp to the story. We see "kindergarten readiness" in each Sun Bear as they listen, respond and delight in the stories. We also love how even after our 100th day of school, the children find a way to "see" 100 in their play.



We hope to see Sun Bear families at this weekend's Gallery Event. The amazing talents of the children will be on display.

Until next time,
Ms. Katie and Ms. Colleen