

APRIL 16, 2018

TEDDY BEARS



April 16-20, Parent Teacher Conferences

April 25, Nursery School Playdate

May 4, Day for Moms, Grandparents, and Friends

May 8, School Picnic at Shaw Park



In the Classroom

With the arrival of spring, the Teddy Bears have removed the winter gear on our children's outlines. Gone are the coats, snow pants, hats, mittens, and scarves. We are ready to embrace the beautiful and warmer spring weather!

At the Sensory Table, we switched out the sand to water. The children love to look at the color of the water which is changed daily. The children are enjoying filling containers with sea creatures, corks, and caps while using nets and tongs.

At the Playdough Table, the children are rolling out dough to make cakes, cookies, pizza, and bread. Sometimes, we use slime as well. The Teddies stretch out the slime, watch it slowly drop to the table or floor, and then observe it as it expands into a flatter piece on trays.

Last week, during Nature on the Move, Ms. Liz discussed *Animals In and Near Water*. We learned about frogs, turtles, geese, otters, and beavers. We found out that beavers use their sharp teeth to cut down trees to make their home, a lodge. What industrious little animal! Also during the lesson, the Teddies touched a turtle shell, fur of an otter and beaver, and viewed a tadpole through a clear box.

After our Spring Break, Audrey's big sister, Ellie and mom, Claire came to visit our class. Ellie, a kindergartener, read the Teddies the [Chicka Chicka 123](#) book by Bill Martin. The children were very polite and listened intently as Ellie read the story.



Last week, we started our Spring theme which we will continue this coming week. We talked about chicks, ducks, butterflies, and birds. The children painted an assortment of bugs, chicks, eggs, and flowers on coffee filters, egg cartons as well as construction paper. The paintings help make our bulletin board more lively and colorful.

As part of the Spring theme at Wuns, the chick eggs arrived three weeks ago. They have been in the Big Bear/Sun Bear room in an incubator which turns and warms them until their arrival. It takes about twenty-one days for the chicks to hatch. We could have baby chicks by Monday!

The caterpillars arrived at the end of last week. They are in clear cups that contain their food. They will feed on the food until they form into a chrysalis. The final stage of this metamorphosis is when the butterfly comes out of the chrysalis. We will release the butterflies into our playground garden before the end of the year.

OUTSIDE PLAYTIME



Finally, the arrival of beautiful weather came last week! The children were using their large motor coordination as they rode scooters, bikes, pushed trucks, ran, climbed, and jumped. Some children were thrilled that they can now use the monkey bars and the fire pole on their own.

The water was on a few times which was a delightful time for many. Buckets were filled/dumped, plants were watered, the house, and climbers were painted with water and brushes.

BOOKS: Lola Plants a Garden (McQuinn), Butterfly, Butterfly (Horacek), The Very Hungry Caterpillar (Carle)

SONGS: “The Fuzzy Caterpillar,” “Little Arabella Miller,” “Drip Drop,” “The Itsy, Bitsy Spider,” “The Wheels on the Bus,” “Row Your Boat,” and “Up in the Sky.”

We look forward to talking with you during Parent Teacher Conferences!

Much love,

Marbie and Chona