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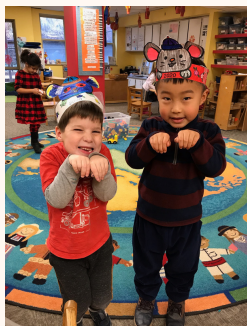
SUN BEAR NEWS

Washington University Nursery School



CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

The week of January 21, Sun Bears learned about the Chinese New Year. Thanks to Harvey's mom and brother and Fan Fan's mom, the children experienced some traditions around this celebration. The centers in the classroom gave Sun Bears the chance to make a dragon for our parade to the Panda Bear class, dragon masks and "year of the rat" headbands. Many families were able to meet at Lulu's for a delicious dinner.



IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

Family Night at the Magic House:
February 6, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

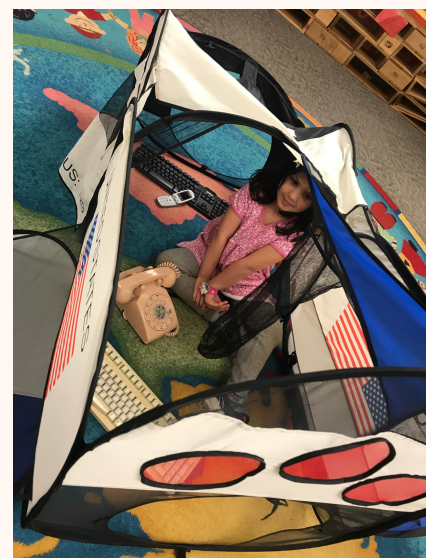
NO SCHOOL: February 14 & 17
Prof. Development and President's Day

Art Extravaganza (Gallery Night): Feb. 29



During the week of January 27, the theme in the Sun Bear classroom has been SPACE. Not "the final frontier" for this group! The children learned about our solar system, that our sun is a star, that our earth is one of eight planets, that the moon changes shapes, that stars twinkle, that constellations are groups of stars, and that each planet in our solar system is so unique! (Ask your Sun Bear if s/he remembers which planet spins backwards, and which one lies on its side.) This theme is so popular each year with four and five-year-olds, and it offers many opportunities for fine and gross motor skill development, communication and collaboration (So many rockets we built this week!). Activities that helped children practice these skills included:

- ~sensory table of flour and marbles to make "moon craters"
- ~writing center activities that created rocket ships
- ~art center projects that resulted in full moons, glitter stars, stencil paintings, and playdoh aliens
- ~dramatic play prop box with spacesuits, computer boards and pop-up shuttles



Until next time,
Ms. Katie and Ms. Colleen