



February 14, 2020

SUN BEAR NEWS

Washington University Nursery School



CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Sun Bears enjoyed the "Space" theme so much, we decided to extend it another week. The children continued to learn about each planet and create art projects that deepened their understanding of our solar system. We read several books about real astronauts and what it takes to pursue that profession. Our campus has an Earth and Planetary Science department, and Sun Bears took a walking field trip last week to see a replica of the Mars Rover. They also visited a rock museum and the outdoor sidewalk with planet medallions embedded in the concrete.

We also wrote and illustrated a class book, "The Five Things I'd Take to Space." Capping off the week was a session of "Space Yoga."

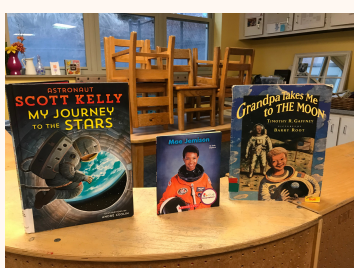
Space: we sure it is **not** the final frontier for these Sun Bears!

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

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

Art Extravaganza (Gallery Night): Feb. 29

Spring break March 16 - 20
NO SCHOOL



During the week of February 10, Sun Bears could "heart-ly" wait for Valentine's Day. The children created bags with watercolored, heart-shaped coffee filters, jewels and pipe cleaners optional. They filled their friends' bags with valentines on Thursday afternoon.

At other center areas, Sun Bears created a large heart to decorate our classroom door, a heart garland and a "fingerprint" version of the iconic LOVE poster. We are so pleased with the progress we have observed in every child's fine motor skills--they love to draw, color, and cut with scissors. Our Valentine's Day celebration ended with a snack of heart-shaped pizzas.



We are quickly approaching our "Hundredth Day of School." The actual date will be Monday, February 24. Next week, our theme will provide opportunities for several "100" activities. This week, we sent home a ziplock bag requesting that your Sun Bear collect 100 of some small item--cheerios, paper clips, puzzle pieces, to name a few-- and to bring it to school for a "collection of collections." Looking forward to seeing what comes back!

*Until next time,
Ms. Katie and Ms. Colleen*