



January 16, 2020

# SUN BEAR NEWS

Washington University Nursery School



## CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

We welcomed our new calendar year, 2020, when Sun Bears returned from the winter break. Children were excited to see their friends and resume their favorite games both indoors and out. The first week back we explored the concept of time; Sun Bears had several opportunities to study the faces of clocks and watches, as well as reproduce them at art and writing centers, and their bodies in circle!



## IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

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No School: January 20, MLK, Jr. Holiday

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Chinese Lunar New Year's Celebration:  
January 23, 2:00 pm

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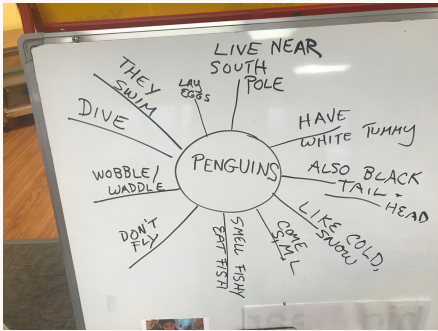
Lulu's Seafood and Dim Sum Restaurant  
January 23, 2020

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During the week of January 13, the theme in the Sun Bear classroom has been Penguins. The children brainstormed on Monday about what they knew about penguins, which led to discovery about what else they would like to learn about these interesting creatures. Sun Bears created penguins all week, using torn paper, thumbprints, puffy paint and sponges. Scissor skills were practiced, and multi-step projects kept the art, writing, sensory and dramatic play centers busy with creativity.



Despite the fact that we are in the first full month of winter, some days were almost springlike, and Sun Bears were able to enjoy the playground. Their sand play has become more creative and collaborative as the year progresses. This week the "Sun Bear Crater" emerged after several children dug for over 45 minutes. "Take a picture! Put it in the newsletter!" they suggested. So we did.



Until next time,  
Ms. Katie and Ms. Colleen