

Leaves and Fall were the themes for this week. The Teddy Bears enjoyed various activities during free choice time.

At the art table:

- Teddies decorated playdough shaped leaves with different shaped and colored pasta.
- Painted yellow and red leaves with tempera paint.
- Glued red, brown, yellow and orange tissue paper on cut-out leaves.
- Dot painted on bare trees.
- Displayed the leaves on our tree on the bulletin board.

Other activities included:

- Viewing different types of leaves, pinecones and tree bark with magnifying glasses.
- Playing with sensory table toys that were changed from castle and animal molds to vehicles including bull dozers, dump trucks and cars.
- In the dramatic play area, the beauty salon prop box containing brushes, hair dryer, curling iron and mirrors were popular with the children.

At the writing table:

- The Teddies practiced cutting with scissors.
- peeled foam stickers to make a fall picture.
- traced stencils with markers.

These activities promote fine motor coordination as well improving memory, attention and communication skills. Playdough, puzzles and small manipulatives (Legos, rods and disks) also strengthen fine motor development.

Enrichment classes this week included Spanish with Senora Colleen. We learned the number song and the names of green (verde) and red (rojo) fruit. During music with Miss Christina, the Teddies used scarves to sing the "Bubble Gum" song and played drums to an African beat.

We welcomed Indira Kothapalli to the Teddy Bear class this week. She is a great addition to our class! Our Teddies were helpful in showing Indira how to dig in the sand, offered her a tool at the sensory table, and shared the toys in the kitchen area.

Coming up:

Our theme for next week: **Halloween**

We Stories: Please register for a virtual family event on Tuesday, **October 25, 7-8:30 pm.**

Halloween Parade: Friday, **October 28 at 11:30 am & 3:00 pm.**

Parent Teacher Conferences: No school on Monday, **October 31** & Tuesday, **November 1.**

Please view the most recent photos of the Teddies on our WUNS website.

<https://nurseryschool.wustl.edu/teddy-bear-photos-and-videos-school-year-2022-2023/>