



The PANDA POST

May 2018

CLASSROOM NEWS

Spring has popped up everywhere in the Panda room!! We have been busy creating various types of flowers, planting seeds and even making a paper plate garden! Activities including bugs, caterpillars, and butterflies will soon be added to our classroom bulletin boards. The Pandas also learned about the sequence of events involved in a flower growing. A four-step story was presented as a group activity. The children were invited to make their own sequence strip on the following days. This activity helps develop an understanding of what comes "first, second, third, and fourth," which is the basis for many activities in any given curriculum including those important math skills (by sequencing the story) as well as fine motor skills (coloring the pictures).

Our Dramatic Play Area was converted into a "Flower Shop" where the children pretended to be florists arranging flowers and selling these beautiful arrangements to teachers and friends!

S.T.E.M

You hear a lot about STEM in the classrooms these days. It stands for Science Technology Engineering and Math. Integrating STEM into the preschool classroom aims to teach students to think critically and use engineering or technology in creative approaches to real-world problems.

Just a few of the many STEM experiments and activities this month included:

- 1) planting bulbs in glass jars and observing the growth of the roots and flowers.
- 2) discovering how to use magnifying glasses while exploring decomposing vegetables
- 3) making a classroom graph to determine favorite animals
- 4) measuring the height of plants with cubes
- 5) manipulating ramps on the playground and observing the movement of a ball going down the ramps

SUNSCREEN & BUG REPELLANT

With warmer weather slowly making its appearance, we are taking full advantage of our outside time.

Since a major portion of outside play is in direct sunlight you may want to consider sending in a (labeled) hat and/or sunglasses for your child as well as applying sunscreen and/or bug repellent before coming to school.

END of YEAR GATHERING!!!

Tuesday, June 12th will be our **Panda Family End-of-Year Gathering** from 8:30-9:30. All Pandas and their families are invited to attend. It is a time when the children enjoy sharing their classroom with their families while enjoying some light refreshments. Our sing-along will begin at approximately 9:15 when we will gather to sing a few favorite songs and share an original "Panda Book" with you!!

At 9:30 The Tuesday Pandas will stay to continue their day, while parents and other Panda friends will say goodbye.

*Pandas who do not attend school on Tuesdays are also invited to attend with their families.

**There will also be an invitation sent out as a reminder.

OUR FAVORITE:

Songs – "S-P-R-I-N-G"

"I Planted a Seed (I Waited & I Waited)"

"The Rainbow Song"

Stories – Grow Flower Grow

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Yoga Positions – Seed, Tree, and Frog

A SPECIAL THANK YOU:

To all of you parents for your beautiful display of appreciation. The flowers, cards, and other gifts were beautiful and very much appreciated!

Thanks for all you do!!