



PANDA POST 🐾🐾🐾 JANUARY, 2020



PANDA HAPPENINGS

The Pandas made an easy transition back into the classroom after our December break and enjoyed getting reacquainted and playing with their friends.

We finished up our Transportation theme and skated right into Winter. We turned our block area into a skating rink and our kitchen area became a Hot Chocolate Stand. The children have enjoyed making and selling hot chocolate to each other. They also practice writing while taking orders for each other. Additionally, they have been busy painting ice skates, dobbering hats and mittens, and collaging snowflakes. Now they are working hard at making snowmen with the letters of their names on the snowballs.

With Valentine's Day right around the corner, we thought it would be fun to teach them about the Post Office and have them practice writing notes to their friends.

MYSTERY BUCKET

We will soon begin sending home the Panda Mystery Bucket! This is an activity that is extremely popular each year. As the children's names are randomly chosen, they have the opportunity to bring the bucket home, and return it to school with a "mystery" hidden inside. Three clues are shared to assist friends in guessing what is inside. Guessing what is in the mystery bucket adds a fun addition to our daily Circle Time.

We do ask that when it is your child's turn to bring the Mystery Bucket home, that you bring it back in a timely fashion so that all of the children in the class can enjoy this experience.

♥ VALENTINE'S DAY ♥

Valentine's Day is just around the corner! We will be decorating Valentine mail bags, reading stories, and mixing up a special snack for this fun holiday. If your child would like to send in Valentines for their Panda friends, there are 20 children in our class. Please sign them, but we ask that you do NOT address them with names. This will make it much easier for your child to deliver them to his/her friends' bags on their own which is always something the children enjoy. We also ask that you do not send in any candy. Thank you!

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE LETTER?

The Pandas are growing increasingly interested in letters and writing words, especially their own names. As the children show continued interest, we have introduced a mixture of the "Handwriting Without Tears" and "Foundations" programs used throughout the Wayland School System. We begin with the song "Where Do We Start Our Letters (At the Top)", which is where most of the letters start when we print them. We encourage the children to find letters everywhere they look to facilitate this beginning interest in pre-reading and writing skills.

THANK YOU TO...

- . . . all parents for the generous holiday gifts!
- . . . Grady's Mom, Caroline, for making playdough and for reading to the class
- . . . Lucia's Mom, Karyn, for making an ice sculpture for the sensory table
- . . . Preston's Mom, Kristin, for coming in to read
- . . . Juniper's Mom, Ally, for coming in to read
- . . . Briar's parents, Janeka and Mark, for coming in to read
- . . . and Ben's Mom, Gina, for coming in to read

OUR FAVORITE:

Stories: Tip, Tip, Dig, Dig
Snowmen At Night
The Hat

Songs: "Choo Choo Train"
"5 Little Snowmen Fat"
"Winter Hokey Pokey"

Yoga: "Plane"
"Hot Chocolate Breath"
"Snowflake"