

WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT



November 16th – 19th
November 23rd & 24th
November 30th – December 3rd
2009

Dear Co-Teach Families,

For the next three weeks we will be studying real bears and teddy bears. Our repeated reading will be *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury, which is always a favorite of preschool children!

During this unit, listen for and encourage your children to use the following vocabulary: beautiful, swishy, swashy, splash, splosh, oozy, squelch, squerch, forest, stumble, trip, snowstorm, gloomy, black bear, grizzly bear, panda bear, polar bear, and cave. We will also be focusing on the concepts: shiny, big, gloomy, furry, under, over, through, scary, deep, cold, long, and wavy.

Mark your calendars for the following important events:

- Monday, November 23rd – Third building evacuation practice of the year
- Wednesday, November 25th and Thursday, November 26th - **No School**
- Thursday, December 3rd - Teddy Bear Picnic for Grandparents
10:30 am - Morning program
1:30 pm - Afternoon program

Have a great week,
Mary and Andrea

Monday, November 16th

Today we will...

1. Sponge paint a brown bear at the art center
2. Mold brown bears at the playdough center
3. Paint a bear at the easel
4. Visit the Co-Teach veterinary clinic at dramatic play
5. Play teddy bear bingo at the library

For snack we will eat: Pears and goldfish crackers

At library we will read: *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen & Helen Oxenbury

Tuesday, November 17th

Today we will...

1. Paint polar bears with colored ice cubes at the art center
2. Chart our favorite bears at library
3. Find polar bears and icebergs in freezing water at the trough
4. Piece together bear puzzles at the game center
5. Continue taking care of animals at the Co-Teach veterinary clinic at dramatic play

For snack we will eat: Nilla wafers and pudding

At library we will read: *Polar Bear, Polar Bear What Do You Hear?* & *Panda Bear, Panda Bear What Do You See?* by Bill Martin Jr. and Eric Carle

Wednesday, November 18th

Today we will...

1. Mold different kinds of bears at the playdough center
2. Make a button necklace at the library
3. Decorate the letter "B" at the art center
4. Color and dress paper doll bears at the writing center
5. Continue finding polar bears in freezing water at the trough

For snack we will eat: Bagels and cream cheese

At library we will read: *Bears, Bears, and More Bears* by Jackie Morris

Thursday, November 19th

Today we will...

1. Continue taking care of animals at the Co-Teach veterinary clinic

2. Trace and color teddy bears at the art center
3. Play *Bears in Pairs* memory at the library
4. Piece together a giant forest floor puzzle in the circle area
5. Cut out different shaped bears at the playdough center

For snack we will eat: Graham crackers and fruit snacks

At library we will read: *Bears in Pairs* by Niki Yektai

Monday, November 23rd

Today we will...

1. Search for bears in the bird seed at the trough
2. Write invitations to our families for our teddy bear picnic at the writing center
3. Make a bear headband at the art center
4. Paint forest trees at the easel
5. Build a bear cave at the block center

For snack we will eat: Applesauce and teddy grahams

At library we will read: *Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?* & *Baby Bear, Baby Bear What Do You See?* by Bill Martin Jr. and Eric Carle

SPECIAL EVENT: Today we will practice our third building evacuation of the year

Tuesday, November 24th

Today we will...

Go on a classroom bear hunt during center time!

For snack we will eat: Corn muffins with jam

At library: We will listen to *Jamberry* by Bruce Degen

Wednesday, November 25th & Thursday, November 26th

No school – Thanksgiving Holiday!

Monday, November 30th

Today we will...

1. Sequence bear paws from large to small at the writing center

2. Start making your very own mask for the teddy bear picnic at the art center
3. Find clowns in the sand at the trough
4. Paint a picture of your favorite picnic food at the easel
5. Go camping with your friends at dramatic play

For snack we will eat: Cheese and crackers

At library: We will listen to *The Teddy Bear's Picnic* by Jimmy Kennedy

Tuesday, December 1st

Today we will...

1. Continue working on masks at the art center
2. Mix our very own playdough at the playdough center
3. Continue sifting through the clowns at the trough
4. Continue camping with friends at dramatic play
5. Dance to the song Teddy Bears' Picnic at the library

For snack we will eat: Cereal mix

At library we will read: *My Friend Bear* by Jez Alborough

Wednesday, December 2nd

Today we will...

1. Finish your mask for the teddy bear picnic at the art center
2. Mold a dancing bear at the playdough center
3. Make a dancing bear at the writing center
4. Camp for the last time at dramatic play
5. Listen to *Corduroy* by Don Freeman on tape at the library center

For snack we will eat: Animal crackers and yogurt

At library we will read: *Big Bear Ball* by Joanne Ryder

Thursday, December 3rd

Today we will...

Have a Teddy Bear Picnic with our Grandparents!!!
All other family members are welcome too 😊

AM program: 10:30 am

PM program: 1:30 pm

Hope to see you there!