

Dear Bear Parents,

February 23, 2016

Wow! We had 100% attendance for Parent Teacher Conferences! It was so great to sit down and speak with each of you about your child. Thank you for your amazing partnership!

We have seen a definite literacy explosion! Many of the children are really starting to connect the dots...letter names, letter sounds, rhyming, isolating beginning sounds, stretching words to sound them out and an overall interest in reading writing and decoding. More and more students are choosing book making and other classroom activities that involve literacy. We are not attempting to master these skills and won't drill and practice them but we will continue to capitalize on interest shown and incorporate these skills into our daily play, routines and activities. ☺

If you stopped by the Bear room this week you would see students...

-**making** and delivering mail in the post office

-**constructing** with Magnatiles

-**learning** to sew- The students have LOVED this and many have an interest in recreating our classroom sewing activities at home. All of the supplies we used were purchased at Michaels.

-**writing** and **drawing** on boogie boards

-**doing** their jobs for the week, **helping** to care for the classroom and each other

-**exploring** our letter of the week through share jars, silly names and circle time games

-**reading** Dr. Seuss books and exploring **rhyming**, opposites and creative book characters- The children have really shown an interest in the unique creatures created by Dr. Seuss and are interested in **creating** their own. This may be a spark for our next project...stay tuned!

-**counting** together using our number line to determine how many days until special events

-**celebrating** accomplishments and milestones

-**wishing** students well who are absent from our school family

-**writing** first names, last names and the letter of the week

You would see a group of kids and adults **enjoying** our time together **playing** and **learning** every day!

Thank you for sharing your child with us,

The Bear Team (Stacy, Cathy, Lisa and Kelli)