

BEAR NEWS

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We have a spark for our fall/winter project...

... THE ZOO! We are going to create our own Bear Class Zoo. The children's dream is for the other classes here at Lads and Lassies, as well as parents and grandparents, to visit our zoo – after we get it built 😊

We are hoping to have a class meet-up at the Cincinnati Zoo soon (after HallZoo-Ween). This will be a great opportunity for fun and research!

We are book makers

The children have become authors and illustrators of their own books inspired by our study of Don & Audrey Wood. They spent 4 weeks creating their Sky Books. We used these books to reinforce that we are all capable book makers and book readers! We also discussed the orientation of a book, titles, authors and illustrators. The books gave us an opportunity to work on an ongoing project, coming back to our work day after day. The Sky Books will be coming home next week. We hope your child enjoys reading them to you at home 😊

Author Study

We read a great collection of Kevin Henkes books... Many of the children seemed to really connect with Kevin Henkes' loveable, honest and flawed characters. Now we are moving on to Fairy Tales. We will read classic as well as multiple modern versions of the fairy tales.

Math

The Bears have been working on writing, recognizing and quantifying numerals. We have even been doing some preschool algebra! The children were challenged to ... "Level 1" show 4 fingers using 1 hand. "Level 2" show 4 fingers using their own 2 hands (we highlighted the multiple ways this can be done). "Level 3" is actually algebra! The teacher held up 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4 fingers... $1 + x = 4!$ They love this game, and it is a great way to reinforce their number sense at home! It can easily be made more challenging or simplified, depending on the child's needs and abilities.

Yoga

Mrs. Erny has been working with the children on breathing exercises and crossing the midline.

Play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning. -Mr. Rogers