

# BEAR NEWS

November 2017



## Project Update...Making Our Own Zoo!

This project topic reflects The Bears' interest in the zoo, animals, construction and event planning ☺ We have begun work on The Bug House (both classes), The Night House (a.m.), The Aquarium (both classes) and the giraffes (p.m). The ideas and enthusiasm really took off after our meet up at The Cincinnati Zoo- thank you! This project will provide opportunities for the children to think, plan, engineer, design, compromise, collaborate, use tools and use our imaginations! We are planning a special Walk Through/ Grand Opening for Bear Class Families on Monday evening, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Details coming soon!

### Pathway Games

Pathway games are a great way to reinforce important preschool academic and social skills. We will be sending home a pathway game after Thanksgiving break. Please play this game at home with your child and return it when you are finished.

We will include multiple spinners/dice and 2 game boards so that the ability level can be adjusted to meet individual needs. Just play what feels right for you and your child. Enjoy!

### Reader/Writers Workshop

Our focus is fairy tales! We have been reading multiple versions of *The Three Bears* and *The Three Little Pigs*. We are discussing how multiple versions of the fairy tales are the same and different, we are talking about characters, retelling, beginning middle and end of stories and real vs. pretend. Today we read *The Little Red Hen*, and made our own bread and butter. The Lads and Lassies' teachers then performed (YES, PERFORMED!) *The Little Red Hen* for the children. This is one of our favorite Reader/Writers Workshop focuses! We will read a few more of the classics and some new versions over the next few weeks ☺

### I Can Do It

As the weather turns cold, we are be working on independence skills with coats, zippers and gloves. Practice helps the students strengthen their "I can do it muscles!" We will go outside for some fresh air as often as possible; our benchmark is 30° or warmer. Practicing at home with coats and zippers will be helpful too ☺

### Whatnots

Please keep celebrating the books your child makes -if you aren't seeing any books come home, encourage your student to make one!

It was so great to see you all last night at the Thanksgiving Feast! This evening of good food and friends is our favorite night of the year ☺

Your partnership is so valuable. Thank you for sharing your child with us!

The Bear Team

We are thankful for our Lads & Lassies Families...Happy Thanksgiving!

