



BIG BEAR NEWS

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY NURSERY SCHOOL
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Dear Wonderful Big Bear Families,

Did your Big Bears tell you?! They completed their ABC books last week! That's 26 days of hard work and hard play (that IS the work of preschoolers after all). Upon our return from spring break, Big Bears planted Tulips on T Day and Violets on V Day. They continue to observe and take care of our spring flowers, Mason being one of our most dedicated gardeners. Also on V Day Big Bears cast their ballots for the day's snack. We re-created an actual albeit old-fashioned Voting booth with lots of privacy. We lead an age-appropriate discussion at circle about Voting in our country, asking questions such as, "Would it be fair if Lila got to vote twice? Why or why not?" and acknowledging that just because we get to Vote does not mean that our vote wins/we get our way each time and thus we might feel disappointed...and that is okay. (Goldfish won, by the way, much to our surprise.) On W Day Big Bears created works of art with Water color, and practiced their fine motor skills by Weaving with yarn. And have you ever heard of "Yam fries?" Popularly they are called "sweet potato fries," but on Y day in the Big Bear classroom, they were "Yam fries." Big Bears performed a taste test and graphed their preferences. (We have learned so much about Big Bears via graphing this year...and Big Bears have learned so much about graphing!) On Z Day, Big Bears created their own Zoo using stuffed animals and blocks and most importantly, their imaginations.

To celebrate the end of our ABC unit, we savored alphabet soup - of course! - and Alphabit cereal (who knew it was still around?!). Big Bears discovered something special in the precious pockets of their ABC books, and then put their problem-solving and teamwork skills to good use at circle. You will have to ask your Big Bears more about that!



Next up we will dive into our chick unit! Big Bears have already begun charting the growth of our 16 chicks in their personal chick folders, marking off each day of growth as they walk into the classroom. We will continue to use our chick folders to not only chart growth, but also sketch growth, do fun activities, and learn new chick development terms.

*If you are interested in adopting a chick, please let us know by Monday, April 22. Ms. Suzy was a chick mom for years, so if you have any questions, please ask!

Happy Spring! ~ Ms. Heather & Ms. Suzy :)

