

# SUN BEAR NEWS

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY NURSERY SCHOOL (WUNS)

## WE'RE TALKIN' BASEBALL, TIME, CHICKS, CATERPILLARS, BUTTERFLIES AND GETTING READY FOR MOMS!

We are approaching the school year's end--hard to believe, right? We hope all our past newsletters, as well as our recent conversations with you at parent/teacher conferences, have shown how we feel about this special class of Sun Bears. The children are filled with curiosity, will dive deep into their play and learning, and have developed communication, collaboration and creative skills. They are ready and rarin' to go into kindergarten, and we will miss them!

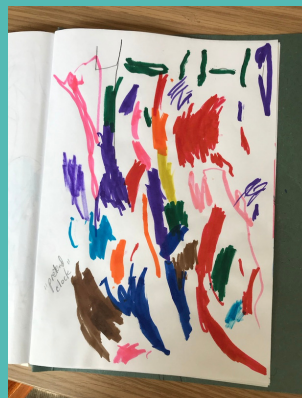
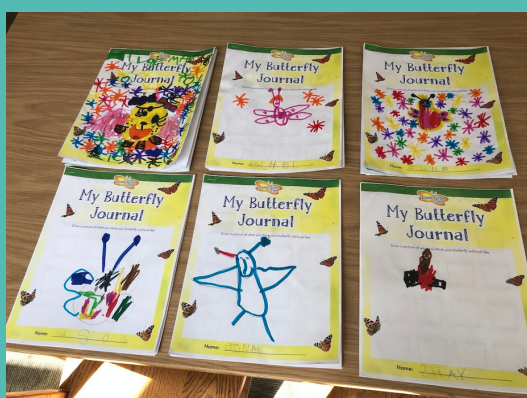
We have had a couple of weeks prior to this one with a shortened schedule, which fit nicely with the time theme and the baseball theme. The concept of time is just starting to make sense for most four- and five-year-olds, so we focused on looking at a variety of clock faces and recreating them on paper, with stampers, and even with our bodies during circle time. The book, **Clocks and More Clocks**, introduced the children to the concept that time marches on.

Baseball was the topic last week. We looked at all the shapes evident on a baseball field. We laced laminated baseball gloves, painted bats and balls, and enjoyed three funny books about baseball: **Curious George Plays Ball**, **Amelia Bedelia Plays Ball**, and **Froggy Plays T-Ball**.

And spring certainly has sprung with the three chicks hatching, the caterpillars turning into chrysalises, and flowers blooming in our garden. This is an exciting time to observe and to wonder, to draw and to document. Sun Bears are experts at that!



Our specialist classes are winding down, too. Mr. Robert met with the Sun Bears for the last time this week (although he will see all of them with the Big Bears in the next morning session.) Ms. Becky will return one more time. Her recent presentation was about the "The Food Chain." She lined up several Sun Bears in the order of a food chain that starts with the sun. The sun grows grass. The grasshopper eats the grass. The spider eats the grasshopper. The turkey eats the spider. People eat the turkey. If one link of the food chain is broken, all the interdependent pieces are also affected. Sun Bears learned how important it is to take care of all links of a food chain.



***Make note of these upcoming dates:***

***May 3: Special Day for Moms, Grandmoms and Special Friends, 2:15 pm  
(look for an invitation coming home next week)***

***May 7: WUNS Family Play Date, Shaw Park; 5:30 - 7:30 pm***

***May 16: Last Day of School, Ice Cream Truck***

***Until next time,  
Colleen & Katie***