



Teddy Bears/Honey Bears/Panda Bears Newsletter
April, 2010



Hooray! It's the month of April. The sun is shining more and the rain is helping the plants grow tall. Our activities this month will include the life cycle of plants and animals. Students will see what happens when they plant a seed and will learn how animals are born and go through various stages of growth. Each student will also plant a flower to take home and care for.

Teddy Bears' and Honey Bears' Special Thanks:

Thank you to all of the parents for the eggs and goodies that you shared for the egg hunt. We had a lot of fun.

Special thanks to **Trevor's mom** for the Saint Patrick's Day art activity that she led.

Teddy Bear and Honey Bear Themes:

English: Spring Activities, Cultural Diversity

Chinese: Plants, Ocean Life, Land Animals, Insects

Activity Highlight

Fire Safety in the Honey Bears Class

The Honey Bears went to visit the fire station on 16th Avenue and Irving. Before the visit, we prepared the class by showing them pictures of firefighters and fire trucks, and reading several books about what they do. We also talked about fire safety and pretended to be firefighters.

At the fire station, we were given a tour by Eric and Jennifer. They talked about stop, drop, and roll fire safety, using 911, the importance of smoke detectors, and not to be afraid of fire fighters in an emergency. Jennifer slid down the fire pole and Eric showed us the



station's fire engines. The class especially liked sitting in the front of the fire engine.

We learned so much by visiting the fire station. For instance, we learned about our community helpers by visiting the fire station. We also learned that both men and women can be fire fighters. In addition, we learned that we should all have an escape plan for our school and home, we should not play with fire, and that fire fighters are our friends. One important bit of information that we want to pass along to parents is to make it a habit of changing the batteries on your smoke detector regularly. A useful way to remember to do this is to change them every time your child celebrates another birthday!

Teddy Bears' and Honey Bears' Wish List

The Teddy Bears and Honey Bears welcome donations of plants for our planting activities. Please see the teachers for more information. Thanks.

The Panda Bears Special Thanks

The Panda Bears would like to thank the following families for all of their generous donations:

- **Rachel's mom** for donating the dragon decorations
- **Kaia's daddy** for donating a battery charger and paper
- **Jillian's parents** for donating the plastic and fresh eggs and foam stickers
- **Peter, Ashley, Maxwell, and Keenan's parents** for donating eggs
- **Keenan's parents** for donating filled plastic eggs and for reading with the children
- **Keenan's grandparents** for donating scrap paper.

Panda Bear Themes:

Springtime Activities, Same and Opposite, More and Less, Assessments

Activity Highlight

Hidden Eggs Activity

We will fill a large tub with green paper grass and then hide numbered or lettered eggs in the tub. The teacher will provide a clean, foam egg carton and a pair of tongs. She will then invite the children to search through the tub to find an egg, and then use the tongs to pick it up and place it in the egg carton. When each child is finished, he or she will count the eggs that he or she has found! This activity will focus on strengthening the children's fine motor, math, language, and sensory skills in a way that is fun, yet challenging.

Mark your calendars:

- 4/02 Staff In-service Training-School Closed
- 4/05 Samantha's Birthday Celebration PB
- 4/07 Kira's Birthday Celebration PB
- 4/08 Library (Teddy Bears Only-Art, Bugs, and Beyond)
- 4/12 Catherine, Jenna, and Trevor's Birthday Celebration HB
- 4/12 Anthony's Birthday Celebration PB
- 4/13 Wah Mei Picnic to Central Park for all graduates 9-1:30
- 4/14 Book Sharing Day
- 4/15 Library-Films
- 4/22 Library-Story time
- 4/23 Haley's Birthday Celebration HB and PB
- 4/26 Kindergarten Readiness with Julia Harris 5:30-8:00 PM
- 4/27 Toy Sharing Day
- 4/29 Library-Story time
- 4/30 Cot Cleaning

---Ms. Lee, Lung Sin Saang, Ms. Sandy, Ms. Tracy, Young sin Saang, Zhang Sin Saang-----



Kindergarten Readiness with Julia Harris

The transition from Pre-school to Kindergarten is a major milestone in a young child's life. Therefore, the Parent Action Committee has invited Pediatric Occupational Therapist Julia Harris to help parents support their children through this transition. Dinner,

translation, and child care will be provided at this exciting event. We hope you'll be able to attend. More information and sign-up sheets will be posted soon.

Director's Corner:

Dear Parents,

You will be receiving invites and raffle tickets for our Spring Gala soon. Hope you can participate in this year's major fundraiser. The fundraising committee guarantees that it will be full of fun, while celebrating Wah Mei's 36th anniversary.

Please join us for our April 26th workshop. The topic is on children's social and emotional development and how to prepare children for kindergarten. It is for all parents, not only the graduating children's families. Thanks to our parents' and Ms. Marianne's hard work for organizing these activities, this workshop is made possible with the funding from the First 5 Parent Action Grant.

Also, don't forget to wish Ms. Marianne a smooth and easy child birth. She will be taking a few weeks' maternity leave. We wish her the best!

Sincerely yours,

Diana Jung
Director

Spring Gala 2010

Mark your calendars - WMS's biggest fundraiser of the year, The Spring Gala, will be on May 1st at Canton Restaurant from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Every year we celebrate all that is Wah Mei with a banquet lunch, silent auction, children's performance, and more. We have begun the process of soliciting silent auction items such as gift certificates, baskets of goodies, tickets to local museums and events, and specialty items. If you have an item you would like to contribute, please contact our Spring Gala co-chairs, Yetta Allen (Kira, Panda Bear; yetta.allen@gmail.com) or John Ngau (Kyra, Teddy Bear; ngau25@yahoo.com).

Special Spring Gala Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for a volunteer who would be willing to make a drive to Ravenswood Winery in Sonoma to pick up a generous donation that they are making for our Spring Gala. If you would like more information about earning volunteer hours in this way, please contact Diana Jung or Marianne Lam. Thank you so much.