



***Teddy Bears/Honey Bears/Panda Bears
Newsletter
March, 2010***



Greetings to all of you as we welcome in the month of March. Thank you so much for all of the nice compliments about our New Year's decorations. Several parents have asked the teachers how to make different red envelope projects to hang in their own homes. The classes also loved making lots of noise with lion dancing and welcoming the year of the tiger. Wah Mei School hopes we are building culture and traditions that will last a lifetime.

Teddy Bears' and Honey Bears' Special Thanks:

The Teddy Bears and Honey Bears wish to thank all of the parents who made donations for Valentine's Day and Chinese New Year. They also want to especially thank **Ciara** for the paper lanterns and cupcakes, **Leann** for the lanterns and brownies, **Haley** for the snacks, **David** for the cookies, and **Alexander** for the cupcakes and cardboard pieces.

Teddy Bear and Honey Bear Themes:

Chinese-Household Items, Family Relations, Balancing, Easter

English-Animals, Writing and Language, Spring Activities

Activity Highlight

Rainy Day Activities

The Teddy Bears and Honey Bears stay active inside even when it's raining outside. The teachers rotate different activities depending on the classes' energy levels. They do this with learning concepts in mind. The children love jumping up and down on our new trampoline, crawling through tunnels, making their own trails, sitting and hiding in tents, doing the limbo with a jump rope, pretending to be in the Summer or Winter



Olympics, doing relay races and bean bag activities, dancing to music from different cultures, creating obstacle courses, doing music and movement activities using CDs, playing musical chairs, becoming a cheerleading marching band, moving with scarves, jumping through hoops, or rolling around on an exercise mat.

Keeping active in thoughtful ways helps brain development at this young age. The children also learn to follow directions, understand concepts, stay active and healthy, but most of all have fun. One of the neatest comments a child made was, "Can we do this again tomorrow?!"

Teddy Bears' and Honey Bears' Wish List

We would really appreciate cartons of 1 dozen uncooked eggs, 6-7 dozen total. We will be putting out a sign-up list if you're interested.

Teddy Bear and Honey Bear Volunteer Opportunities

We would love to have the Honey Bears' parents join us on our field trip to the fire station on 3/24. Please see Ms. Lee, Ms. Sandy, or Long Sin Saang for more information.

The Panda Bears Special Thanks

The Panda Bears wish to thank **Rachel's mom** for teaching us to make sticky rice balls and shiny bracelets. We'd also like to thank **Kaia's grandfather** for giving flowers and Chinese lucky envelopes to each child in the Panda Bears class, and **Keenan's grandfather** for cooking Chinese fried crackers for us.

Panda Bear Themes: Ocean Life, Early Literacy, Instruments from Around the World

Activity Highlight

Literacy Center-Looking at Letters

The Panda Bears will be working on their literacy and fine motor skills through this fun open-ended project. They will have the opportunity to choose and cut letters of their choosing from advertisements and magazines. We will then place the letter cutouts in a container at a center along with a supply of construction paper and glue sticks. Each child will glue the letter cut-outs to a sheet of paper until he or she is satisfied with how his or her project looks. The children can then examine and talk about their collages and point out the letters that they are familiar with.

Mark your calendar:

- 3/02 Academy of Sciences Fieldtrip (AM Classes)
- 3/05 Reading Workshop by Marianne Lam 12:30-1pm
- 3/09 Book Sharing Day
- 3/11 Library-Mei Lin and the Magic Brush
- 3/12 Reading Workshop by Marianne Lam 4-4:30pm
- 3/17 St. Patrick's Day
- 3/18 Library-Films
- 3/18 "Speaking in Tongues" documentary
5:30-7:30pm
- 3/23 Toy Sharing Day
- 3/24 Fire station Fieldtrip for the Honey Bears
Wednesday at 1:45pm
- 3/26 The Teddy Bears and Honey Bears will have an egg hunt in the back yard. Parents are welcome to join the Teddy Bears at 11am and the Honey Bears at 2pm. Parents may also bring in treats to share with the class if they'd like to.
- 3/26 Cot cleaning

Director's Corner:

"How to Read to Your Children?" There will be two workshops this month by Ms. Marianne. This workshop will help parents understand the importance of facilitating children to develop good reading habits, how, when and where it can be done. We also will give away books with CDs to participants. Don't miss it.

We encourage you to participate in different school activities. Be it field trip, classroom projects, or school committees, or fundraisers, it's worthwhile contributing your talents and expertise, time and effort to make

Wah Mei School the best environment for your children. We'd like to thank many enthusiastic parents who always go extra miles to better children's learning experience.

Sincerely yours,

Diana Jung

Director



Coming to a Screen Near You

The Parent Action Committee is pleased to announce a special viewing of the documentary "Speaking in Tongues", a film about immersion education featuring Alice Fong Yu School. We will also be having special guest speaker Margaret Peterson, the SFUSD Multilingual Education Program Administrator give a short presentation. We hope you'll join us to learn more about the exciting world of immersion education. Please note that childcare will be provided starting at 6pm. The schedule will be as follows:

5:30-6pm-A light supper will be served

6:00-6:30pm-Margaret Peterson will speak

6:30-7:30pm-"Speaking in Tongues" viewing

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).