



Teddy Bears/Panda Bears Newsletter
August, 2010



August brings with it another month of transitions. Again, we sadly say farewell to our students who will be starting Kindergarten, and welcome our new students starting on August 2nd. Our teachers would like to meet with each new family to fill out an intake questionnaire about your desires for your child and program. We look forward to getting to know all of you.

Teddy Bears' and Honey Bears' Special Thanks:

The Teddy Bears and Honey Bears would like to thank **Alexander's** and **Robert Lee Rubio's** parents for their marker donations. Thank you for your generosity.

Teddy Bear and Honey Bear Themes:

Chinese- Science, Recycling, Air and Water, Games

English- Natural and Physical Sciences

Activity Highlight

Water Bottle Shakers

Leung Sin Saang will make water bottle shakers with the children using clear recycled plastic water bottles. The children will fill their bottles with various materials of their choice, add water, and tint the containers with color. Each student can shake, move, and roll his bottle to see what happens. For instance, they will observe whether the contents continue to float or start to sink. Through working with their bottles, the children will be learning to make predictions. They will also be learning about math as they count how many objects they are placing inside their bottles, and about Science as they experiment with the factors involved in making objects sink or float.



Teddy Bears' Volunteer Opportunity

Please let the Teddy Bears teachers know if you would be able to join the children as a library chaperone on any of the following mornings: 8/05, 8/12, 8/19. Thank you.

The Panda Bears Special Thanks

The Panda Bears would like to thank the parents of **Alexander** for donating markers, the parents of **Kaia** for donating a battery charger, and the parents of **Elise** for donating goldfish to the Panda Bears. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Panda Bear Themes:

Safety, Community Workers, Dental Care, Sports

Activity Highlight

Did you Brush?

The children will be making tooth puppets during small group time using paper bags. Then they'll use these puppets to play a special game. For the game, we will sit in a circle and the teachers will hand one child a tooth puppet like the one they'll be making in their small groups. We will have that child pass the puppet around the circle as Ms. Tracy leads them in singing the words, "Did you brush your teeth today, your teeth today, your teeth today?" "Did you brush your teeth today to keep them clean and strong?" This will be sung to the tune of "Do you know the Muffin Man?" At the end of the song, the child holding the puppet will demonstrate how to brush our teeth using the puppet that he's holding.

Through these activities, the children will use language skills and will develop a concept of self as they talk about their own tooth brushing practices. They'll also work on self-regulation and cooperation by playing

the game with their friends. In addition, they'll work on fine-motor and gross motor skills as they make their puppets, and then pass the puppet around the circle. This activity will also help them to learn about the importance of brushing their teeth to stay safe and healthy.

Mark your calendar:

- 8/03 Abigail's birthday
- 8/05 Library-(Teddy Bears) Singer and Guitarist Lee Weiss
- 8/06 Rachel's birthday
- 8/10 Sharing Day-Books
- 8/12 Library-"Princess Mermaid"
- 8/19 Library-Films
- 8/24 Sharing Day-Toys
- 8/27 Cot Cleaning Day

Director's Corner:

Dear Parents,

We hope you're all enjoying many Summer activities with your children. At this time of year, many new families are beginning their time at Wah Mei. We look forward to getting to know all of you and invite you to schedule an intake meeting with your child's teacher either through the office or with the teacher directly. This will involve meeting with the teacher for about 15 minutes so that she can learn about your child and your family's needs.

As the new school year approaches, Wah Mei School's Board of Directors and staff have been working hard to make improvements to our current site. They worked hard this past Saturday to do a major site clean-up to prepare for all of the new materials that we'll be purchasing. Be on the lookout for more improvements to the site in the upcoming months. Thank you for all of your support in our fundraising events that have made these improvements possible.

Sincerely Yours,



Diana Jung
Director