

We love children at First Presbyterian Child Development Center



## Your Weekly News & Updates

We hope your Labor Day holiday was safe and relaxing. Now it is time for us to really get started with the fall season. On Tuesday all the children will be bringing home a Brown Bear ready for decorating. It is going to be so much fun to see all the creative ideas your child and family come up with "dressing" your bear. I am sure we see football players, cheerleaders, butterfly bears, maybe even a Halloween bear.

As we continue our theme on bears, it would be great if you talked with your child about different kind of bears. We are also talking about hibernation and what that means. The habitat of bears is also a very interesting discussion

### Interesting Facts...

- In 1902, U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt, also known as Teddy Roosevelt, was out hunting. He came across a bear cub that would have been a great hunting trophy but he chose to let the bear live. (Actually, people brought it to him and he refused to shoot it.) The story spread quickly and the Teddy Bear came to be!
- Other famous bears are... Winnie the Pooh, Paddington Bear, Yogi Bear & Boo Boo,



Care bears, Smokey the Bear, Fozzie Bear (from The Muppet Show), The three Bears (friends of Goldilocks), Gummi bears, Rupert, Corduroy, Little John (from Disney's Robin Hood cartoon) and the Berenstain Bears.

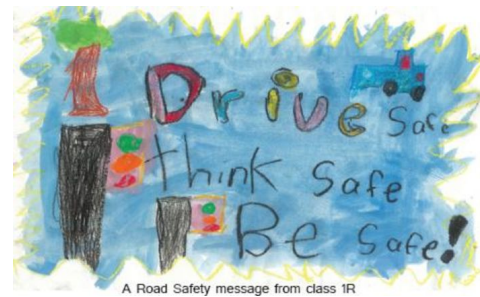
- Baloo, from the Jungle Book movie is a Sloth bear.
- Koalas look like they could belong to the bear family and are often called bears, but they are, in fact, marsupials.
- In some Asian countries where traditional medicine is still practiced (that means using roots, leaves, animal parts, etc. instead of pills for healing) the bear gall bladder is more valuable than gold! Sadly, this has taken a toll on the Sloth and Asiatic bear populations and has made them an endangered species
- Even though bears and pigs are NOT related, the same names, "boar" for the males and "sow" for the females are used.

## Safety Spotlight

FPCDC is very proactive when it comes to the safety of your children. We certainly take the responsibility for your child's complete safety while they are on the campus of the CDC and inside of the building. There has been construction going on with First Presbyterian throughout the spring and summer, and it appears that this process is going to continue for several more months. The drive around to the CDC is

sometimes precarious because of the heavy equipment and the rough pavement. Please be very conscious when you are coming up the hill by the gym. The "Slow, Children Playing" sign has been moved, and the entrance doors come up really fast around that curve. Sometimes the landscaping can block the view as well. Please remind family members of this issue.

We do have a secure entrance as you are aware of. No one can enter the building without the proper code or being checked in by an administrator. The door is locked for entry. The exit door can be opened on the left side only, but older after-school children have sometimes exited the building without waiting on the parent. This is a problem. When you are picking your child up from the CDC, regardless of the age, please keep them with you and exit as a family, being aware that other parents are usually pulling up at the same time. **No child of any age**, after-schoolers, PreK, or toddlers, should ever exit the building alone or run down the hall alone. We have never had an accident in the parking lot and your child's safety is of primary concern.



Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

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