ALL ABOARD...
Our five fabulous Sun Bears were asked; "What would you like to learn about in our Sun Bear class?" Graham was the first Sun Bear to shoot his hand in the air and respond: "TRAINS!!!!" This week, we climbed aboard and discovered many things about trains! Thank you Graham for suggesting a terrific theme for the week!

TRAIN ART:
- The Sun Bears created beautiful paintings by dipping small trains into paint and rolling them across paper. Some children produced straight lines and others curvy lines.
- With simple shapes (triangles, squares, and rectangles) we made paper trains with button wheels.
- Using a variety of recycled materials, we created trains. With a little help of some glue and paint, we decorated these train structures. Choo Choo!
The Sun Bears really enjoyed sorting the trains by color. We discovered that we had more blue trains than any other color. We also counted trains and grouped mini people and animals on the correct "number train." Using different shapes, we created trains. These activities improve counting skills, number & shape sense, and one-to-one correspondence.

As a class, we came up with a Train Song! We changed the words from "Wheels on the Bus" to "Wheels on the Train." The verses included:

- Doors opening and shutting
- Whistle blowing
- Bell ringing
- Conductor saying "ALL ABOARD!"

Sun Bears enjoyed riding scooters outside the playground....we call it "Going to Scooterville!"

What's Next...
We will be studying ANIMAL COVERINGS, such as fur, feathers, and scales with a special focus on CATS - a suggestion by Willa. Happy October! ~Katie & Colleen