



WCA Preschool Times



January 23, 2023

Arctic animals were fun to learn about last week! The "fishing hole" was a big hit! The children fully enjoyed using magnetic fishing poles to pull out arctic cod with letters, numbers and sight words on them. With each one they pulled out they checked it off on their clipboard. If they pulled out a polar bear or seal they threw their catch back in and continued to fish. The goal was to get all the letters, numbers and sight words checked off! Marshmallow and toothpick construction were full of creativity with the three-dimensional shapes they created. It took concentration and focus with their small motor skills. The class worked on their number recognition and counting by clipping the clothespins with the corresponding number to the number of arctic animals that were in the picture. Many enjoyed the arctic in the sensory table! There was water with Styrofoam "ice burgers", arctic animals and decorative rock "ice chunks". However, the water was not frigid cold arctic water, it was a nice room temperature. This week we will review hibernation, migration, adaptation and the arctic before we move onto our next animal focus. The class will have an opportunity to write letters and numbers in sand using animals. We will paint snow with water colors and use play dough to build dens for our plastic animals. The science experiment to observe what melts ice fastest, water at room temperature, sugar, salt or room temperature air should be interesting for the class. *We might have some questionable weather mid-week. Keep an ear open for any cancellations. Speaking of weather, we have snow! The sledding hills will be open so this means we need all the children in boots and water-resistant gloves.*

Areas of Focus

*Animals: Review
Hibernation, Migration,
Adaptation, Arctic
Sight Word: you*



Literacy and Language



- Books: *Polar Bears, Winter Animals, Animals that Travel, Antarctica, The Penguin, Monarch Butterflies, Old Bear*
- Beginning Sound Picture Matching

Focus Words: Review

*Antarctica * migrate * hibernate * adapt
camouflage * glacier * North * South*

Math, Science, Sensory

- * Sand Tracing Shapes, Letters, Numbers
- * Snow rainbow
- * Playdough with Animals
- * Winter Animal Dice Roll Game
- * Ice Melt Experiment



Important News

- ➔ Wednesday is pizza day for those that ordered last week. Please, still send snacks.
- ➔ Send ALL snow gear each day! We have some great sledding hills! ☺
- ➔ If classes on campus are cancelled due to weather it will be announced on WCSR and WILX School Closings. I will also send you a Remind message early in the A.M.

Song

If You Want to be a Polar Animal!

Sung to "If you're happy and you know it"

If you want to be a snow owl,
Shout -Who! Who!

If you want to be a snow owl,
Shout - Who! Who!

If you want to be an owl,
Then you need to make a sound!

If you want to be a snow owl,
Shout - Who! Who!



Polar Bear - Grrrrrr

Penguin - Squawk

Seal - Arf

