



# WCA Preschool Times



January 16, 2023

Last week the class focused on hibernation, migration, and adaptation. They learned about how different animals handle the cold weather. It is amazing how far the monarch butterfly travels! We mapped the path that the Canada goose and monarch butterfly takes during migration from Hillsdale, Michigan to Mexico and the Gulf of Mexico. They learned about the animals around us that adapt to the winter weather by growing a thicker coat of fur and putting on more fat, or insulation, to keep them warm. The library area had monarch butterflies hanging above, and it almost seemed they were fluttering when the heat was blowing. We also had some geese headed south hanging in the block area. The "stuffed" black bears and bird feeders were fun projects! I tried to capture the facial expressions during the insulation science experiment with the pictures I took. I hope you enjoyed them! This week we will turn our attention to the Arctic, the animals that adopt and use camouflage to survive the frigid cold and the hungry predators. Everyone is sure to enjoy catching arctic cod with their fishing pole at the "fishing hole"! We will construct igloos using marshmallows and while this fun activity is creative play it is also helping to build a strong foundation for math concepts. The class will also love experimenting, manipulating and exploring homemade kinetic sand in the sensory table. There are arctic animals, cookie cutters and scoops for them to use. At the science table is our science bin that has the "arctic" in it with Styrofoam icebergs, arctic animals, blue and white pebbles and water. It looks like another warmer weather week, please continue to send your child in winter gear. The mornings are cold for outside time, but the fresh air is wonderful for running around!

## Areas of Focus

*Animals: Arctic*  
Sight Word: you



## Literacy and Language



- Books: *Polar Bears, Antarctica, The Penguin Who Wanted to Fly, Welcome to the Ice House, I like a Snack on an Iceberg*
- Alphabet and Number Recognition "Ice Fishing"
- *Who Lives in the Arctic*, booklet

### *Focus Words*

Antarctica \* camouflage \* predator \* glacier

## Math, Science, Sensory

- \* Arctic Animal Count and Clip
- \* Sensory Table: "Arctic" Water
- \* Science Table: "Arctic" Kinetic Sand
- \*Marshmallow Igloos



## Important News

➔ Friday all pizza orders are due to the office by the end of the day for those that would like to order.

## Poem

### *An Old Person of Ware*

*by Edward Lear*

There was an old person of Ware,  
Who road on the back of a bear:  
When they asked, "Does it trot?"  
He said, "Certainly not!  
He's a Moppsikon Floppsikon bear!"



## Song

### *Lazy Mary*

Lazy Mary, will you get up,  
Will you get up, will you get up?  
Lazy Mary, will you get up,  
So early in the morning?

No, no, Mother, I won't get up,  
I won't get up, I won't get up.  
No, no, Mother I won't get up,  
So early in the morning!

