



WCA Preschool Times

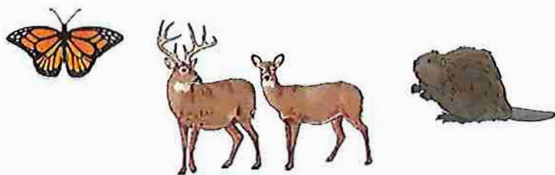


January 9, 2023

It was wonderful to be back last week! The class did a wonderful job transitioning back into our classroom routines. If you hadn't heard from your kiddo already, we unfortunately lost all of our classroom plants over break due to the frigid cold and our heat going out. Fortunately, though I had taken Andy home for the long break so he was safe and cozy warm at the Drapers! I will slowly replace some of the plants. Last week the weather was tough with cold rainy days. If it wasn't raining it was misting just enough that it kept us inside almost all week. We did get in a nice, and much needed, nature walk on the WCA property! It was lovely. The class enjoyed making coffee filter snowflakes. They picked three to four markers and coloured their entire coffee filter, folded it in half several times, cut various sized triangles on the edges, gently unfolded it and finally got to spray it with water. The colours almost make a tie dye look. They are hanging in our front windows and look great! The sensory table has warm soapy water, sponges and various animals, containers and funnels for the class to "wash" and just enjoy water play. I didn't get the animal insulation experiment done with the class on Friday like I had hoped so I have it in my plans for early this week. This week we will continue to learn about animals (and some insects) in winter by exploring where they go and what they do if they are not hibernating. We will map the migration of the monarch butterfly and goose and talk about how the deer, rabbits and birds that adapt to winter survive where we live. We will also work on our stuffed bears throughout the week. It's going to be another great week in preschool!

Areas of Focus

Animals: Winter
Sight Words: the, to, and, a, I



Literacy and Language



- Books: *Stranger in the Woods*, *Monarch Butterflies*, *Bear Snores On*, *Beavers*, *One Snowy Night*
- Categorizing Winter Animals (Which ones adapt, migrate and hibernate?)
- Mapping Goose and Butterfly Migration

Focus Words

adapt * migrate * hibernate * south * north

Math, Science, Sensory

- * Animal Insulation Experiment
- * Art/Sensory: Paper Tube Bird Feeder
- * Light Table Translucent Duplo
- * Stuffed Bears

Important News

Please, send your kiddo in full winter gear each day. The mornings are cold and damp for opening and outside time.

If you happen to be first in line at pick-up, please stop right in front of our preschool room. After your preschooler is loaded you can pull forward behind Dial-A-Ride. Thank you!!